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At our quarterly meeting of women friends kept at the house of Edward Wanton in Situate on the 6th Day of the 8th month 1701.

At our Quarterly Meeting of women Friends kept at the house of Edward Wanton in Scituate the 10th day of the 8th month 1702

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Edward Wanton the 3d Day of the 8th month 1703
The friends present from Rhode Island & Dartmouth inform, friends continued in Unity

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Edward Wanton in Scituate the 9th day of the 8th month 1704.
Friends from Rhode Island, Dartmouth, Sandwich & Lynn, being present, inform Friends continue in Love & Unity.

At a quarterly meeting of Women friends held at the House of Edward Wanton in Scituate the 8th of the 8th month 1705.
We are informed that Friends continue in Love and Unity.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Edward Wanton in Situate the 10th of the 8th month 1706. no buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Edward Wanton in Situate the 24th of the 4th Month 1707.
enquiry was made respecting visiting Friends Families, - no account from Sandwich. - this Meeting thinks best, that for the future two friends be appointed to attend this, & Sandwich Quarterly-Meeting.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at the House of John Rogers in Marshfield the 7th of the 8th Month 1707. no buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Situate the 29th of the 4th month 1708. no Buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Situate the 4th of the 8th month 1708, no Buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Situate the 28th of the 4th month 1709, no Buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 9th of the 8th month 1709. No buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 9th of the 8th month 1710. No Buſineſs

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 29th of the 4th month 1711.
no Friends from Sandwich to attend this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton the 5th of the 8th month 1711. no Buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Situate the 24th of the 4th month 1712, no Buſineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Situate the 6th of the 4th month 1713.
friends present were called upon to give some account of the progreſs they

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had made in visiting Families, which was that they found Love & Unity subsisting among Friends, but exercised with many trials from the world. This meeting appoints Abigail Booth, Joanna Butler and Abigail Chamberlain Junr for Visitors.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 6th of the 8th month 1712 no busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 2d of the 8th month 1713 Friends at Sandwich sent their Love & it was accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 4th of the 8th month 1714 no busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 28th of the 4th month 1715. no busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 6th of the 8th month 1715. Sandwich friends sent an Epistle to this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 26th of the 4th month 1716. no Busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 5th of the 8th month 1716. no busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 7th of the 8th month 1717. Sandwich Friends inform this Meeting they have visited some Families and found things pretty well, but the Visit was not generally performed. by Reason that the friends appointed, had met with some Difficulties.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 6th of the 8th month 1718. Sandwich friends sent their Love to this Meeting & it was accepted.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 2d of the 8th month 1719. no Busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 10th of the 8th month 1720. no busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 9th of the 8th month 1721. No busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 26th of the 4th month 1722. No busineſs

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 9th of the 8th month 1722. No busineſs

At a quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 10th of the 10th month 1722. There was an Epistle read among us of Council & advice, and we were in Unity with it. This meeting appoints Anna Allen to write for this Meeting & also to keep the Book which belongs to the monthly Meeting of Women Friends, & also Hannah Allen & Eliphal Perry to get the book & deliver it to her.

At a quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 18th of the 1st mo. 1723, we received an account from Scituate meeting of women Friends; the account that was given in this meeting was that the Visitors had not been about a great while, neither did they think themselves capable, and also the

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book is delivered to Anna Allen according to Order; & Eliphal Perry & Anna Allen appointed to write to the Yearly Meeting at Rhode Island, & also to write to Scituate monthly Meeting. – Mary Coleman, Abigail Chamberlain and Sarah Landers are chose to attend the Meeting above named.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the house of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 26th of the 4th month 1723. No business

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at the House of Michael Wanton in Scituate the 7th of the 8th month 1723.
Sandwich Friends sent an Epistle to this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 9th of the 10th month 1723. – there was an Epistle of Council & advice read amongst us and we were in Unity with it.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 25th of the 1st month 1724. Mary Coleman & Abigail Chamberlain were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, and Lydia Gifford and Anna Allen are appointed to write to said meeting, & also to the monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 24th of the 4th month 1724. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 8th month 1724. No account from Sandwich Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 14th of the 10th month 1724 No business.

At a quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Sandwich the 22d of the first month 1725. received an account from Scituate meeting which was read in this Meeting, Mary Wing is chosen to attend the Yearly Meeting at Rhode-island. & Lydia Gifford & Anna Allen are appointed to write to said Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Pembroke the 25th of the 4th month 1725. Rhode Island friends sent an Epistle to this Meeting which was accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 8th month 1725.
Sandwich Friends sent an Epistle to this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 21st of the 1st month 1726. Received a few Lines from Scituate Meeting which was read among us, Mary Coalman, & Mary Wing are chosen to attend the Yearly Meeting at New-Port and Lydia Gifford and Anna Allen are appointed to write to said Meeting. & Mary Wing & Eliphal Perry are chosen to write to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Pembroke the 27th of the 4th month 1726. No business

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 10th of the 8th month 1726.
Rhode-island & Sandwich Friends sent Epistles to this Meeting which was received in Love.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the

the 10th month 1726. An Epistle was read among us from the Yearly Meeting at Newport.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 20th of the 1st month 1727. Received a few lines from Scituate which were read among us; Eliphal Perry & Anna Allen are chose to write to the Yearly Meeting at Newport; Abigail Wanton, Mary Wing & Mary Coalman are chose to attend the said Meeting: Anna Allen and Lydia Gifford are chose to write to the monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 10th month 1727. No account from Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 18th of the 1st month 1728. No account from Scituate; Eliphal Perry & Anna Allen are chose to write to the Yearly Meeting at Newport also to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate. Mary Wing & Mary Coleman are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 9th of the 8th month 1728. The women friends of Rhode Island & Sandwich sent Epistles to this Meeting which were accepted in Love.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 24th of the 1st month 1729. Received no account from Scituate. Johannah Butler, Mary Coalman, Mary Wing & Sarah Sanders are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport; Sarah Sanders & Anna Allen are appointed to write to said Meeting. Lydia Gifford & Anna Allen are chose to write to the Monthly meeting of Women Friends at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 6th of the 8th month 1729. No business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 8th of the 10th month 1729. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 23 of the 1st month 1730. Our Friends Mary Pennel & Mary Lowes were among us, & we were in Unity with them, & their advice.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 5th of the 8th month 1730. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 22d of the 1st month 1731. Mary Howland Elizabeth Allen & Lydia Gifford are appointed to write to, and attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport & write to the monthly meeting at Scituate, received a few lines in sallutation from said Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 8th month 1731. Rhode-island & Sandwich Women Friends sent Epistles to this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 10th month 1731. An Epistle was read amongst us from the Yearly Meeting of London & we are in Unity with it.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 20th of the 1st month 1732. No account from Scituate; Mary Howland & Elizabeth Barker are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, Lydia Gifford & Anna Allen are chose to write to said meeting

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the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 6th of the 8th month 1732 Received an Epistle from Rhode-island Women Friends, Sandwich women friends sent their love to this meeting. which was accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 19th of the 1st month 1733. Received an account from Scituate & Dinah Hoxie & Anna Allen are appointed to write to said Meeting; Dinah Hoxie & Lydia Dillingham are chose to write to, and attend the yearly meeting at Newport. Our dear Friends Hannah Dent & Elizabeth Wyate were with us & their Certificates were read, & we were in Unity with them.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 5th of the 8th month 1733. No business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 10th of the 10th month 1733. Received an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Newport, which was read among us.

At a quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 18th of the 1st month 1734. Eliphal Harper, Dorothy Wing, & Abigail Wanton, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, & Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to said meeting, & also to the Monthly Meeting of Women friends at Scituate; received an Epistle from Scituate which was read amongst us.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends kept at Pembroke the 7th of the 8th month 1734.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 9th of the 10th month 1734. Rebecca Wing, & Anna Allen, are appointed to write, to the Monthly meeting of friends at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 24th of the 1st month 1735. Received an Epistle from Scituate; Rebecca Wing & Eliphal Harper, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, and Anna Allen, & Lydia Gifford are appointed to write to said Meeting, and to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 6th of the 8th month 1735. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 8th of the 10th month 1735. there was an Epistle read amongst us, from the yearly Meeting at Newport, our friend Peace Wood was with us, and bore a Testimony, & we are in Unity with her.

At a quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 22d of the 1st month 1736. Received accounts from the Monthly Meetings. Abigail Wanton, & Rebecca Wing are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, Anna Allen & Lydia Gifford are appointed to write to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 1st of the 8th month 1736. Received an account from Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 10th month 1736. Received an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting at Newport. no other Business.

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At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 21st of the 1st month 1737. Rebecca Wing & Abigail Wanton, are chose to attend the yearly Meeting at Newport, Rebecca Wing & Anne Allen, are appointed to write to said Meeting, & to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 10th of the 8th month 1737. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the 10th month 1737. No Business.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 20th of the 1st month 1738. Received accounts from the Monthly Meetings; Rebecca Wing & Anna Allen are chose to write to the yearly Meeting at Newport, & the Monthly Meeting at Scituate: Rebecca Wing & Abigail Wanton, are chose to attend the yearly Meeting at Newport.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 9th of the 8th month 1738. Received Epistles from Rhode Island, and Sandwich Women Friends.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 10th month 1738. Our Friend Lydia Soul was with us, an Epistle from the yearly Meeting at Newport was read among us.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the the 19th of the 1st month 1739. No account from Scituate: Rebecca Wing, & Elizabeth Allen, are chose to attend the yearly Meeting at Newport; Rebecca Wing, & Anna Allen, are appointed to write to said Meeting, & the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 8th of the 8th month 1739. Received an account from Sandwich Women Friends.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 10th of the 10th month 1739. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the last Day of the 1st month 1740. Elizabeth Allen, and Abigail Wanton, are appointed to attend the yearly Meeting at Newport. Rebecca Wing and Anna Allen, are chose to write to said Meeting, & the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 6th of the 8th month 1740. Received an Epistle from Sandwich Women Friends, which we accept in Love, with the account of their Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30th of the 1st month 1741. No account from Scituate. Rebecca Wing, and Anna Allen are appointed to write to the yearly Meeting at Newport & to attend the same, & also to write to the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 5th month 1741. Received an Epistle from the yearly Meeting at Newport, & also one from the yearly Meeting at London & we are in Unity with them.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 5th of the 8th month 1741. No Business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 24th of the 1st month 1742. Received accounts from the Monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted: Dorothy Allen, and Abigail Wanton, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport. Rebecca Wing, and Mary Jones, are appointed to write to said Meeting, & the Monthly Meeting of Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 5th month 1742. Received an Epistle from London, & we are in Unity with it.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 8th month 1742. No business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 10th of the 9th month 1742. No business.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 28th of the 1st month 1743 Received accounts from our Monthly Meetings: Rebecca Wing, and Elizabeth Barker, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting at Newport, Rebecca Wing, & Anna Allen, are appointed to write to said Meeting, & the Monthly Meeting at Scituate.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 5th month 1743 Our Friends Keziah Baker, and Hannah Cock, were with us, & their Certificates were read, & we are in Unity with them.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 10th of the 8th month 1743. Received accounts from our Monthly Meetings, which were read, also an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting, which were received in Love.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 19th of the 9th month 1743. The accounts from our Monthly Meetings were read.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 26th of the first month 1744. No account from Scituate; Rebecca Wing, and Anna Allen, are chose to write to the Yearly Meeting at Newport, & the Monthly Meeting at Scituate, & Dorothy Allen, & Patience Ellis, are appointed to attend the said Yearly Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 7th of the 5th month 1744. Received an account from Sandwich monthly Meeting, which is accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 8th of the 8th month 1744. By the accounts received we find that our several Meetings, are kept up in a good degree, & that the Visiters were recieved kindly, & found things pretty well.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 17th of the 9th month 1744. Received an Epistle from London, wich was kindly accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich, the 1st of the 2d month 1745. Received accounts from our Monthly Meetings, and an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting at Newport, also an Epistle from Dorcas Easton, to Friends of this Meeting, which were read, & we are in Unity with them. Reliance Allen, and Ann Barker, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting, Rebecca Wing, and Dorothy Hoxie, are appointed to write to said Meeting, and Dorothy Allen, & Anna Allen, are appointed to write to the monthly meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 5th month 1745. No account from Scituate.

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At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 7th of the 8th month 1745. Received accounts from our Monthly Meetings, also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting, which are accepted in love, Sarah Rogers, & Sarah Chapman, are chose to write to the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 16th of the 9th month 1745. An Epistle from London was read to our Satisfaction. this Meeting was carried on, in some good degree of Love.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the last of the 1st month 1746. Received accounts from our monthly Meetings, & an Epistle from London, & we are in Unity with them, Rebecca Wing, & Patience Eastis, are appointed to attend the yearly Meeting; Rebecca Wing, and Dorothy Hoxie, are chose to write to said meeting, and Anna Allen, and Dorothy Allen, are chose to write to the Monthly Meetings.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the 5th month 1746. No account from Pembroke.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 8th of the 8th month 1746. Received accounts from our monthly Meetings, which are well accepted. Anna Barker, and Sarah Chapman, are appointed to write to the Monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30 of the 1st month 1747. Accounts are received from each monthly Meeting, & an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, which were read to satisfaction; Anna Hatch, and Rebecca Wing are chose to write to said Meeting, Dorothy Allen, and Patience Allen, are appointed to write to the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging.

At a quarterly meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 5th month 1747. An Epistle from Sandwich monthly meeting, also one from Rhode-island, and one from London, were read, to comfort & Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rotchester the 20th of the 9th month 1747. An Epistle from Rotchester monthly Meeting, was read and kindly accepted; Elizabeth Wing, is appointed to write to the Monthly Meetings & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 28th of the 1st month 1748. No account from Pembroke. Received an Epistle from Sandwich, & one from London which were read to Edification & Comfort; Elizabeth Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to the Yearly Meeting at Newport, and attend the same. Ann Allen, and Ann Wing are appointed to write to Scituate monthly Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 5th month 1748. No account from Pembroke; an Epistle from Sandwich monthly Meeting, was read & well accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 10th of the 8th month 1748. Received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, which were well accepted; Anna Barker, & Sarah Chapman, are appointed to write to said Meetings

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Rotchester the 19th of the 9th month 1748. Epistles from Rochester and Pembroke monthly Meetings were read & accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 27th of the 1st month 1749. Received Epistles from Pembroke, and Sandwich, Monthly Meetings, also one from our Yearly Meeting, which were read to Satisfaction: Elizabeth Allen; Rebecca Wing, and Ann Barker are appointed to write to the Yearly Meeting, and attend the same. Ann Allen, and Ann Wing, are chose to write to the several monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 3d of the 5th month 1749. No account from Scituate; received an Epistle from Sandwich monthly Meeting, which was read and accepted; Ann Allen and Elizabeth Allen, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 9th of the 8th month 1749. Received accounts from our Monthly Meetings, which are well accepted, also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting at London; which was read to Satisfaction;

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 11th of the 1st month 1750. Received Epistles from Pembroke, & Sandwich, monthly Meetings, and from Rhode Island Yearly Meeting which were read & well accepted; Dorothy Horie, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the Yearly Meeting; Ann Barker, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to attend said Meeting: Ann Allen, & Ann Wing, are chose to write to the several Monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 7th of the 5th month 1750. Received an Epistle from Sandwich monthly Meeting, & one from the London Yearly Meeting, which were read to Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke, the 8th of the 8th month 1750. Received accounts from our monthly Meetings, which are well accepted; Sarah Rogers, and Sarah Chapman, are appointed to write to said Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 1st of the 2d month 1751. For Sandwich several Friends present; for Pembroke Sarah Rogers present; Received an Epistle from Sandwich, & from Pembroke monthly Meetings, which were read and well accepted; Anna Allen, & Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to, and attend, the yearly Meeting, to be held on Rhode Island. & also to write to the Monthly Meeting at Pembroke.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the 5th month 1751. No account from Pembroke. Received Epistles from Rhode-island, and London Yearly Meetings which were read, and well received.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 7th of the 8th month 1751. A Certificate from the Nine Partners, on behalf of our Friend Lydia Sole, was read to Satisfaction. Sarah Rogers, and Sarah Chapman, are chose to write to the Several Monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 16th of the 9th month 1751. Dorcas Hiller, is chose to write to the monthly Meeting of Sandwich.

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At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 3d month 1752. For Sandwich several Friends present, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers; Received Epistles from Sandwich, and Pembroke monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted; Ann Barker, & Rebecca Wing, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting, at Newport; Ann Wing, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to said Meeting & sign the same; Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing are chose to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rochester the 12th of the 11th month 1752. Received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1753. Received accounts from the several monthly Meetings which were read and accepted; Ann Barker, & Rebecca Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting; Ann Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to said Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30th of the 7th month 1753. No account from Pembroke. Received an account from Sandwich, & an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting which were read and accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 8th of the 10th month 1753. Received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, which are well accepted also an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, which was read & accepted; Sarah Chapman, is appointed to write to the Monthly Meeting, of Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rochester the 17th of the 11th month 1753. Dorcas Hiller, & Elizabeth Wing, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held Sandwich the 1st of the 3d month 1754 Received Epistles, from the monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted; Alice Ellis, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to attend our Yearly Meeting, Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to said meeting, & the Monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 7th month 1754 Received an Epistle from Sandwich, also from our yearly meeting, which were read and accepted

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 7th of the 10th month 1754. Received an account from Rochester, also an Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting, which were read and accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 31st of the 3d month 1755. Received Epistles from Pembroke, & Sandwich monthly Meetings, which were read; Lydia Shaw, and Anna Allen, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting, Anna Allen & Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to that, & the monthly Meeting at Pembroke.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the 7th month 1755. Received accounts from the several Monthly

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Meetings, which were read and accepted, an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, with some Queries, tending to the promotion of our Christian Discipline which with the Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London were read to Edification: Anna Wing, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 6th of the 10th month 1755. Received accounts from the monthly-meetings, & an Epistle from London yearly Meeting, & one from the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania, which were read & accepted; Alice Easter, & Sarah Chapman, are chose to write to the monthly Meeting of Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 15th of the 11th month 1755. Received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, also three certificates from Pennsylvania monthly Meetings & one from Oblong Monthly Meeting, in recommendation of our worthy Friend Nicholas Davis, which were read to Satisfaction; Dorcas Hiller, and Elizabeth Wing, are appointed to write to Sandwich monthly Meeting and sign it.

At a quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich the 3d of the 1st month 1756. No account from Pembroke; Anna Allen and Rebecca Wing are appointed to write to the Monthly Meetings; received an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, which was read to Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 10th month 1756. Accounts are received from the monthly Meetings, also an Epistle from London, which were read to good Satisfaction; Sarah Chapman, & Abigail Keen, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings; the Certificates, of Phebe Farris, Mary Chase, Ezibil Buffitun, and Hannah Chase, were read in this meeting to great Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 20th of the 11th month 1756. Dorcas Hiller and Elizabeth Wing, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 28th of the 5th month 1757. Received Epistles from Sandwich, & Pembroke, which were read and accepted; Rebecca Jones & Rebecca Wing, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting; Anna Allen and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to said Meeting, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1757. For Sandwich Lydia Shaw, and Mary Wing. Pembroke Sarah Rogers; received an Epistle from Pembroke, and Sandwich monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 10th of the 10th month 1757. Received accounts from the monthly Meetings, which were read to Satisfaction; the Yearly Meeting Epistle from London, was also read to Satisfaction; Sarah Chapman, and Sarah Rogers, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Rochester the 19th of the 11th month 1757. Received an Epistle from the monthly-meeting held at Pembroke, which was read and accepted, Hannah Barlow, and Elizabeth Wing, are chose to write to Sandwich monthly Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 27th of the 3d month 1758. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich, Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, for Pembroke, Deliverance Chapman, & Sarah Chapman, Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to, & attend the yearly Meeting at Newport.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 9th of the 10th month 1758. Received accounts from the monthly Meetings, which were read to Satisfaction, Sarah Rogers, and Sarah Chapman, are appointed to write to the Monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Rochester the 18th of the 11th month 1758. Hannah Barlow and Remember Griffeth present, received Epistles from the Monthly Meetings of Rochester, and Sandwich, which were read and accepted; the Queries were read and well accepted; Dorcas Hiller, and Elizabeth Wing, are appointed to write an Epistle, to the monthly Meeting at Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1759. The Representatives present, for Sandwich Anna Wing, and Rebecca Wing, None from Pembroke; Received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, which were read & accepted, Susannah Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to, and attend the yearly Meeting; Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the several monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30th of the 7th month 1759. The Representatives present are, Ann Allen, and Anna Allen; Received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Island, and London, & also from Flushing, and Pembroke, which were read and accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 11th of the 10th month 1759. Received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, which were read to Satisfaction; Sarah Rogers, and Sarah Chapman, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 31st of the 3d month 1760. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Anna Allen, & Susannah Allen; received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted; Anna Allen, and Mary Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, Ann Wing, and Rebecca Wing are chose to write to said Meeting; Anna Allen, & Mary Wing, are appointed to write to Pembroke monthly Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 7th month 1760. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Ann Allen and Anna Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, received an Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting, also from the monthly Meetings, which were read & accepted; Anna Allen, & Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the several monthly Meetings, & sign the same

At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 6th of the 10th month 1760, Received accounts from the monthly Meetings, which were read & accepted, also answers to the queries were read, Sarah Chapman, and Abigail Keen, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 29th of the 3d month 1761 The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Ann Allen, & Ann Wing, Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers; received Epistles from the Monthly Meetings, which were read & accepted, & an Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting, also an account of the life, and Death, of Nicholas Davis, which were read, & well accepted, Rebecca Wing, and Anna Allen, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Pembroke the 2d of the 10th month 1761. Received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, which were read, some to Satisfaction; Sarah Chapman, and Sarah Rogers, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Long Plain the 21st of the 11th month 1761. The Representatives present, are, Ruth Davis, & Hepzibah Davis, received an Epistle, from the monthly Meeting, with answers to the Queries, which were read, & were not found all clear, the Visitors of Sandwich inform, they have visited Friends families, and were well received.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 29th of the 3d month 1762 The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Anna Allen, and Mary Hoxie, for Rochester Hepzibah Davis, received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, with answers to the Queries, which were read & accepted, Grace Allen, Susannah Allen, and Hepzibah Davis, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, Mary Hoxie, Anna Allen, & Susannah Allen, are chose to write an Epistle to said Meeting, Elizabeth Allen, & Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to Pembroke; the dying sayings of our worthy Friend, Hannah Bowerman, were read to good satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 2d of the 10th month 1762, Received accounts from the monthly Meetings, with Epistles, which were read, and some accepted, Sarah Chapman, and Sarah Rogers, are chose to write Epistles, to the monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the Long Plain the 21st of the 11th month 1762. The Representatives present are, for Pembroke Sarah Chapman, and Dille Chapman, for Sandwich Ruth Davis, & Hannah Hathaway, received Epistles from the several monthly Meetings, which were read to Satisfaction; Ruth Davis, and Hepsibah Davis, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1763. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, also two from London, one from Philadelphia, & one from Flushing, which were read and accepted, Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 8th of the 10th month 1763. Received an Epistle from Rhode Island, and one from Rochester, which were read & well accepted, our Friend Patience Brayton's Certificate, was read & accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the Long-plain the 19th of the 11th month 1763 The Representatives present are Hannah Hathaway, and

and Anna Davis; Elizabeth Wing, and Mary Tripp, are appointed to write to the monthly Meeting of Sandwich and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 24th of the 5th month 1764. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, no account from Pembroke. the Queries were read with the answers, Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are appointed to write to the Yearly Meeting & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Pembroke the 10th of the 10th month 1764. The Queries with the answers were read; some to satisfaction & others not; Sarah Chapman, & Abigail Keen, are appointed to write to the ~~monthly~~ monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30th of the 3d month 1765. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, none from Pembroke, receive Epistles from Sandwich & Pembroke monthly Meetings, which were read and accepted Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the Yearly Meeting, Anna Allen is appointed to attend said meeting, and write to the several monthly Meetings, the Certificates of our Worthy Friends Anna Gifford, Patience Brayton, & Hannah Chase, were read and well accepted.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 6th month 1765. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Elizabeth Allen, & Mary Wing, for Pembroke None; received an Epistle from Sandwich, with answers to the Queries, which were read, some to Satisfaction, & others not so well as could be desired. received an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, & one from our worthy Friends John Woolman, & Samuel Esborn, also Epistles from Philadelphia, London, & Flushing, which were read & well accepted. Anna Allen, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the Long plain the 16th of the 11th month 1765. The Representatives present are for the Long Plain Remember Griffith and Mary Trip; received an Epistle from the monthly Meeting, with answers to the Queries, which were read and gave us to understand how things were among us; Hannah Lapham's Certificate from Smithfield, was read and accepted; Ruth Davis, and Hepsibah Davis, are appointed to write an Epistle to Sandwich monthly Meeting, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich the 6th of the 7th month 1766. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Hepzibeh Wing, and Jemima Bowerman; for Pembroke Sarah Chapman; received Epistles from the monthly meetings of Sandwich and Pembroke, which were read and accepted; Answers to the Queries were read, but all did not appear clear: received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode-island, and London, which were read to Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the Long-plain the 15th of the 11th month 1766. The Representatives present are Mary Wing & Lois Hathaway; Hannah Hathaway, and Elizabeth Hedly,

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are appointed to write to Sandwich monthly Meeting, and sign the same, received an Epistle from Pembroke, which was read and accepted.

At a quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 28th of the 3d month 1767. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Rebecca Wing, and Anna Allen, for Pembroke none; the Queries with the Answers were read some to satisfaction, and some otherwise, Friends are desired to strive for an amendment; received an Epistle from Sandwich monthly Meeting, which was read and accepted, Rebecca Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to our Yearly Meeting, & the monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 7th month 1767. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Mary Wing and Elizabeth Allen, for Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers, Received Epistles from the monthly Meetings of Sandwich and Pembroke, the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Iſland, Philadelphia, and London, which were read to good Satisfaction, The Queries with the Answers were read in this meeting; Anna Allen, and Rebecca Wing, are chose to write to the several monthly Meetings, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the Long Plain the 21st of the 11th month 1767. The Representatives present are Hannah Hathaway and Catharine Ruſsell; the answers to the Queries were read, by which we find some fall short in several Respects, the several Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Women Friends were read and accepted, also a Certificate from Smithfield in behalf of our Friend Hannah Lapham was read and accepted; Hannah Hathaway and Hepzibah Davis, are appointed to write to the monthly Meeting of Sandwich, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1768. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Hepzibeh Wing, and Mary Wing, for Falmouth Elizabeth Sanders, and Jemima Bowerman, for Rochester Mary Tripp; received Epistles from Sandwich, and Pembroke, which were read and accepted, the Queries with the Answers from the several monthly Meetings were read but all did not appear clear; Rebecca Wing and Susannah Allen are appointed to write to the yearly Meeting, and Pembroke monthly meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1768. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Rebecca Wing and Susannah Allen, for Pembroke none appeared; the Answers to the Queries were read, from the monthly Meetings, received an Epistle from Sandwich, one from London & one from Rhode Island, which were read and accepted; Rebecca Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at the long plain the 19th of the 11th month 1768. The Epistles from the monthly Meetings were read and accepted; the Queries with the Answers were read some to satisfaction; and some otherwise.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 25th of the 4th month 1769. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Elizabeth Allen, for Falmouth Elizabeth Sanders and Peace Bowerman, the Queries with the answers were read; received an Epistle from Sandwich which was read and accepted, Rebecca Wing, & Susannah Allen, are appointed to write an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting, and the several monthly Meetings: Rebecca Allen, and Susannah Wing, are chose to attend the Yearly Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1769. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Rebecca Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, and Dorothy Howland, the Queries with the Answers were read, but all did not appear so clear as is desired, received Epistles from Pembroke and Sandwich monthly Meetings, also an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, and a printed one from London, which were read and accepted; the Certificates of our Friends Rachael Wilson, from the monthly Meeting of Kendal, dated the 24th of the 6th month 1768. and one from the Quarterly Meeting dated the 8th of the 7th month 1768. also one from the morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, the 8th of the 8th month 1768. signifying their concurrence with her: likewise one for Sarah Harkins, from the monthly Meeting of Haddenfield, in the County of Gloucester, in west New-Jersey, signifying their Unity with her visiting these parts; were read to satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 4th of the 3d month 1770. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mary Wing, and Grace Allen; the Queries with the Answers, were read and were not all clear, for which Friends are desired to be more careful, received Epistles from the monthly Meetings of Sandwich and Pembroke, which were read and accepted; Rebecca Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings, & to the Yearly Meeting, and sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 30th of the 6th month 1770. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Grace Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers. the Queries with the Answers were read, but all did not appear so clear, as could be desired, received Epistles from Sandwich and Pembroke, which were read and accepted, also Epistles from the Yearly Meetings, of Newport and Philadelphia, & a printed Epistle from London, which were read to good satisfaction; Rebecca Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at the long plain the 17th of the 11th month 1770. The Representatives present are Remember Griffeth, & Hannah Shearman; the Queries with the answers were read, by which we find a deficiency in some, Elizabeth Hedly, and Mary Tripp, are appointed to write to the monthly Meeting at Sandwich.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 29th of the 3d month 1771. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Elizabeth Allen, received an Epistle from

from the monthly Meeting of Sandwich, which was read and accepted; the Queries with the Answers were read, Rebecca Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to write an Epistle, to our Yearly Meeting, and to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 6th of the 7th month 1771 The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mary Wing, and Elizabeth Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers; the Queries with the Answers were read, but all did not appear so clear as could be desired; received an Epistle from Sandwich; also from the yearly Meetings of Rhode Island, Philadelphia, Long Island, and London, which were read to good satisfaction. Betty Hoxie, and Elizabeth Wing, are appointed to write an Epistle to Pembroke.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Long Plain, the 16th of the 11th month 1771. The Representatives present are; for Long Plain Margaret Austin, and Lydia Taber; for Pembroke Sarah Rogers; the Queries with the answers were read, but all were not so clear as could be desired: received Epistles from Long plain and Pembroke, which were read and accepted. Hannah Shearman, and Catharine Ruſsell, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 28th of the 3d month 1772. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mary Wing, and Elizabeth Allen; received Epistles from Sandwich & Pembroke, with Answers to the Queries, which were read: Elizabeth Hedly, Mary Wing, and Susannah Allen, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting; Rebecca Wing, and Elizabeth Wing, are chose to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 5th of the 7th month 1772. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Mary Wing, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, and Elizabeth Gould, received an Epistle from Sandwich, which was read and accepted, the Queries with the Answers were read, but all do not appear clear; therefore Friends are exhorted, to watchfulneſs and care for the Future, received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Island, Philadelphia, and a written & printed one, from London; which were read and accepted; the monthly Meeting of Pembroke, requests aſsistance of this Meeting, as some difficulties have arisen amongst them, which request being considered, we appoint Wait Swift, Susannah Allen, Rebecca Allen, and Hepzibah Davis, as a committee to aſsist them; Rebecca Wing and Susannah Allen, are chose to write to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Long Plain, the 21st of the 11th month 1772. No Representatives from the monthly Meetings, received Epistles from the monthly Meetings, & from the Yearly Meeting, of Rhode Island; which were read to good satisfaction; Meribah Wing, and Elizabeth Hedly, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings of Sandwich and Pembroke, & sign the same.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 27th of the 3d month 1773. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mary Wing, & Elizabeth Allen, for Pembroke Dorothy Howland, the Epistles from Sandwich and Pembroke, were read in this Meeting;

the Queries were read, with the Answers: Rebecca Wing, and Elizabeth Allen, are appointed to write an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting, Rebecca Allen, & Grace Allen, are appointed to attend said Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Long plain the 20th of the 11th month 1773. The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Allen, and Martha Hoxie, received Epistles from Sandwich and Pembroke, with answers to the Queries which were read, also the Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Island, and Philadelphia, were read to Satisfaction, & signed in this Meeting. Elizabeth Hedley and Anna Wing, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1774. The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Allen, and Grace Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, & Dorothy Howland; received Epistles from Sandwich and Pembroke, with answers to the Queries, by which, it appears there is a shortness amongst some Friends: Susannah Allen, & Elizabeth Hedley, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, Susannah Allen, and Elizabeth Allen, are chose to write an Epistle to said Meeting, Elizabeth Hedly, and Elizabeth Wing, are appointed to write to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1774. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Hepzibah Wing, and Grace Allen; for Pembroke Sarah Rogers; The Queries with the Answers were read; received several Epistles, which were read to Satisfaction; received three Certificates, on behalf of our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Robinson; one from the monthly Meeting, dated the 4th of the 3d month 1773. one from the Quarterly Meeting of Yorkshire, dated the 24th of the 3d month 1773. and one from the Yearly Meeting held at London, the 7th of the 6th month 1773. & one on behalf of Susannah Lightfoot, from the monthly Meeting of Pennsylvania held in Chester County, dated the 19th of the 6th month 1774. which were read, and approved. Rebecca Wing, and Mercy Wing, are appointed to write to the several monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Long Plain the 19th of the 11th month 1774. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Mary Wing, and Rebecca Allen; the Epistle with the answers to the Queries were read.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 25th of the 3d month 1775. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Hepzibeh Wing, and Grace Allen, for Pembroke Abigail Keen, the Queries with the Answers were read, received a copy of a minute from the monthly Meeting, of Friends at Swanzey, dated the 3d month 1775 signifying their Unity with our esteemed Friend, Patience Brayton's visit to this Meeting, likewise a Certificate from the monthly Meeting of Friends at Portsmouth on Rhode Island, manifesting their approbation, and Unity with Mary Calender's visit amongst us, which were read and accepted; Anna Allen, and

and Elizabeth Allen, are appointed to write an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting, Elizabeth Hidly, and Elizabeth Hoxie, are chose to attend said Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1775. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Mary Wing, and Grace Allen; received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Rhode Island, Philadelphia, and Flushing, also a printed one from London, which were read to Satisfaction, the Queries with the Answers were also read.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 3d of the 3d month 1776. The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Grace Allen, and Rebecca Allen; for Pembroke Abigail Keen, the Queries with the Answers were read, whereby it appears there is a great deficiency amongst Friends: received a few lines from the monthly Meeting of Dartmouth, manifesting their Unity, with our Friend Anna Gifford's visiting this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 5th of the 7th month 1776 The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Allen, and Grace Allen, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, and Dorothy Howland, Epistles with answers to the Queries, from the monthly Meetings, were read; we are favoured with the Company of our esteemed Friends Phebe Yarnell, and Rebecca Wright, whose Certificates, the first, were dated at Concord, Chester County Pennsylvania the 7th of the 2d month 1776 the other at Chester Field the 5th of the 2d month 1776 signifying their Unity, and concurrence, with their religious Visit, in these parts; received an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, recommending a diligent Labour amongst Friends, to come up in a faithful discharge of their several Duties, also from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia, and New York Government, containing much excellent caution, and Admonition, affording comfort, and consolation, to the faithful; an Apology for the People called Quakers published by the Meeting for sufferings held at Philadelphia was read to Satisfaction.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Long Plain the 16th of the 11th month 1776. The Representatives present are for Sandwich Huldah Hoxie, for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, the Queries with the Answers were read; Abigail Deval and Elizabeth Hedley are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings; This Meeting adjourns Until tomorrow

Met by adjournment, the Epistles were read, approved & signed.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 3d of the 7th month 1779. The Representatives present, are Wait Swift, Mary Wing, and Abigail Rogers; the Epistles with the Answers were read, in which we find many Deficiencies, received Epistles from the Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Smithfield for Rhode Island, in the 6th month, & from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, and London, which were read to good Satisfaction; Jemimah Bowerman, and Sarah Gifford, are appointed to draw Epistles to the several monthly Meetings. this Meeting adjourns until Tomorrow at the close of the Meeting for Worship. Met by adjournment; the Epistles were read and signed in this Meeting

For the Quarterly. Meetings of 1777 & 1778 see page 20 & 21.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 2d of the 10th month 1779.

Abigail Keen, is appointed Clerk for this Time, the Representatives present are Mary Rogers, and Lydia Gould, the Queries with the answers were read, whereby we find many Deficiencies amongst Friends, we were favoured with the Company of Friends from divers places, whose labours of Love have been to our Edification. - Lydia Gould and Abigail Keen, are chose to write Epistles to the several monthly Meetings; this Meeting adjourns to the 11th hour on second Day.

Second Day, being met according to adjournment, the Epistles were read, and signed in this Meeting.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Long-plain for Sandwich the 20th of the 11th month 1779.

Phebe Wing is appointed Clerk for this Time: the Representatives present are Sarah Hoxie, Elizabeth Hoxie, Mary Lake, Phebe Wing, Mary Rogers, and Abigail Rogers; received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which we have to observe with sorrow, the many deficiencies amongst us, for want of a living up, to our Christian profession: it is the advice of the select quarterly Meeting, that this Meeting should recommend, to the several monthly Meetings, to appoint suitable Women Friends, to stand in the place of Elders; the Epistles to the several monthly Meetings, were read approved, & signed by the Clerk.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 4th of the 10th month 1777. The Representatives present are for Pembroke Sarah Rogers, and Mary Rogers, the Queries with the Answers from the several monthly Meetings, were read, by which it appears, there is many deficiencies amongst us, received an Epistle from the Yearly Meetings held at Smithfield, & London which were read, to the Edification of some present; Anna Keen, and Abigail Keen, are appointed to write an Epistle to the monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to second Day at the close of the Meeting of Worship.

Met according to adjournment, received a Copy of the Extract, taken from the last Yearly Meeting minutes, which was read, likewise an Epistle from the Quarterly Meeting, of Pembroke was read & accepted

An Extract from the Yearly Meeting minutes.

It is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that all Children that are born of Parents, while they are both Members, shall be considered as Members, and no Others, unleſs Parents who had Children before they were Members, apply on their behalf and the monthly Meeting, thinks they are suitable, also when but one Parent profeſsing with us, may make application to the monthly Meeting, on behalf of their Children, that the monthly Meeting judge whether such Children be suitable to be admitted, as members, it is desired that when it so happens, that but one Parent is a Member of our Society, that they endeavour to educate their Children, agreeable to truth as far, as is in their power, & not neglect to ask the care of Friends in behalf of them.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke the 3d of the 10th month 1778. The Representatives present are Mary Rogers, and Dorothy Howland, the Queries with the answers from each monthly Meeting were read, & all did not appear clear; Sarah Rogers, Mary Rogers, and Anna Greene, are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings, & bring to the adjournment: this Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow.

Met according to adjournment; the Epistles were read, approved and signed, we were favoured with the Company, of divers travelling friends, whose Labours of Love have been to our Comfort and Satisfaction.
Abigail Keen Clerk.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 25th of the 3d month 1780. The Representatives present are Jemima Shaw, Elizabeth Hoxie, Mary Rogers, and Huldah Rogers; received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, which were read; some clear & Satisfactory, others not so clear as could be desired, wherefore Friends are desired to labour for an amendment, received two printed Epistles from London, dated 1779 & a written Epispistle from Dublin in Ireland dated 1779. which were read to general satisfaction; Elizabeth and Phebe Wing, are appointed to write Epistles to the several monthly Meetings; Mary and Elizabeth Rogers, are chose to draw accounts to the Yearly Meeting, and bring to the adjournment. This meeting adjourns to tomorrow, after the meeting of Worship.

Being met according to adjournment, the above mentioned Epistles and accounts, to the Meetings were brought, read, approved and signed.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1780.
The Representatives present from the several monthly Meetings, are Elizabeth Sanders, Hannah Bowerman, Elizabeth Gould, and Huldah Rogers; received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which we find, notwithstanding the repeated advices, there is many deficiencies amongst us, which is a Cause of Sorrow to the honest hearted, who are engaged for the prosperity of Zion: received an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting, held at Rhode Island in the 6th month last, & one from Philadelphia, which were read to general Satisfaction; Mary Sake, & Phebe Wing, are appointed to transcribe the Epistles to be sent to the monthly Meetings.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Long-plain the 18th of the 11th month 1780. The Representative present is for Sandwich Grace Hoxie, received an account from Sandwich, but none from Pembroke, by reason of the weather's being so severe, that fiends could not attend; received a Certificate from Dartmouth monthly Meeting, on behalf of our Friend, Freeborn Rider, testifying their concurrence with her attending this Meeting, which was read; Abigail Deval, & Elizabeth Bowerman, are appointed to draw Epistle for the several monthly Meetings, this meeting adjourns to tomorrow at the close of the meeting of Worship.

Met according to adjournment; the Epistles for the several month-Meetings were read, approved and signed.

At a quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich for Sandwich the 24th of the 3d month 1781 Phebe Wing is appointed Clerk for this Time; the Representatives present, are Mary Wing, Grace Allen, Mary Rogers, and Lydia Gould. received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, by which we observe with sorrow, the great declension in our Society, from its ancient purity, our esteemed friend, Freeborn Rider attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate, from Dartmouth monthly Meeting, certifying their Unity with her; Pembroke monthly Meeting informs, that the advice transmitted to us, from the Yearly Meeting, respecting the visiting of Families, hath been complied with, & in some degree performed to satisfaction. Mary Rogers, Lydia Gould, & Phebe Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting; Elizabeth Wing, and Lydia Gould, are chose to write to said Meeting; Grace Allen; and Phebe Wing, are appointed to draw Epistles to the several monthly Meetings, & bring to the adjournment: This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the close of the Meeting of Worship.

Met according to adjournment, the Representatives being present, the accounts to the Yearly Meeting, & Epistles to the monthly Meetings were read, approved and signed by the Clerk; the Busineſs being finished, this meeting adjourns to Falmouth in the 7th month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 30th of the 6th month 1781 The Representatives present are Elizabeth Sanders, Elizabeth Wing, Mary Rogers Elizabeth Gould, Mary Ray, Lois Macy, Sarah Huſsey, Elizabeth Rotch, and Ann Huſsey; received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which we find there is many deficiencies amongst us, yet beleive there is a remnant who are rightly concerned, for the prosperity of Zion received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Smithfield in the 6th month last, at Philadelphia in the 9th month last; & at Long Island in the 5th month last; which were read to satisfaction; Lois Macy, Mary Ray, Mary Rogers, Abigail Deval, Elizabeth Rotch, and Phebe Wing, are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings, & transcribe the other Epistles to be sent to the monthly Meetings.

The select Yearly Meeting, proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that said Meeting, may begin for the Future, on 4th Day at 10 O clock; the same week the Yearly Meeting is held; it is accordingly approved and directed to be held at that Time & Salem Quarter desired to have their Meeting altered, that their Members may pay due attention in the 6th month; a concern having arisen amongst us, for the revival of good order, in the Church, & restoring Discipline, it is the Judgement of this Yearly Meeting that it would be of real advantage, for women Friends, to have the aſsistance of their Brethren in a Meeting capacity. Certificates for our esteemed Friends James Thornton, Samuel Smith, & Thomas Carrington, from Pennsylvania were read in this Meeting, our Friends George Churchman, David Cooper & Warner Miflin, attended this Meeting.

An extract from the Minutes of our Yearly Meeting 1781.

It being concluded by the Yearly Meeting of Men Friends that Nantucket monthly Meeting be set off to Sandwich Quarter; this Meeting agreeable to their advice appoints Alice Sprague, Anna Wing, Audry Green, Mary Brown Junr, Deborah Slaid, Anna Hacker, and Elizabeth Mott, a Committee to unite with a Committee of Men Friends, to visit Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, to sit with and inform them, of this Conclusion; & see that this Minute be entered on their Minutes, as also to endeavour their uniting together in a right manner. The select Yearly Meeting, informs this Meeting, that Sandwich quarterly Meeting does not keep up a select Meeting, which information being really affecting to this Meeting; said Committee are desired and directed, to advise the Quarterly Meeting to revive their select Meeting, and carefully observe to send up regular & pertinent accounts, to the select Yearly Meeting, of the matters which it concerns said Meeting to know, that proper advice may be communicated as occasion may require, & report to next Yearly Meeting: said Committee are also desired to visit Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and consult with them upon the propriety, of setting off Dartmouth, and Acoaxet, monthly Meetings to Sandwich Quarter, and after feeling for the state of things, to report their Judgement thereon, to the next Yearly Meeting, and Nantucket Friends are desired to attend said Quarterly Meeting, from Time, to Time, as many as conveniently can, and the Clerk is desired to send a Copy of this Minute to Sandwich Quarter.

Copy compared by. Mary Brown Junr. Clerk to the meeting this Year.

This Meeting concurs with the advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting choosing of Elders, and recommends to the monthly Meetings, to choose a number of suitable Friends, qualified to stand in the station of Elders, this Meeting adjourns to the 9th hour Tomorrow.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called, are all present; the Epistles to the monthly Meetings were read, approved & signed by the Clerk, & the Transcripts of the other Epistles were directed to the several monthly Meetings. The Buſineſs being finished we adjourn to the Long Plain in the 10th month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich the 9th of the 10th month 1781. The Representatives present are Remember Griffith, Catharine Ruſsell, Lydia Gould, & Huldah Rogers, received accounts from Sandwich and Pembroke monthly Meetings, which were read, Pembroke monthly Meeting inform they have appointed Mary Bailey for the station of an Elder. Elizabeth Taber, produced a Copy of a minute from Falmouth monthly Meeting, signifying their Unity with her attending this Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to Pembroke in the 1st month 1782.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke for Sandwich the 4th of the first month 1782. The Representatives present are Elizabeth Wing, Abigail Wing Junr, Mary Lake, Mary Rogers, and Abigail Keen. received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, except Nantucket, by which we find there is a great shortneſs in many, in coming up in their respective stations, yet we believe there is a care rests on the minds of a remnant, that Discipline should be kept up, in its several Branches. This Meeting adjourns,

to Sandwich in the 3d month.
Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by Lydia Gould Clerk.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 30th of the 3d month 1782. The Representatives present are Hannah Hoxie, Joanna Swift, Mary Rogers, Lydia Gould, Lois Macy, and Abigail Hussey, received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings; Nantucket monthly Meeting informs; that they have visited Friends Families, and there appeared a prospect of a reformation in some things, which we hope may increase. Lois Macy, Mary Rogers, and Phebe Wing, are appointed to transcribe the Answers to the Queries & bring to the adjournment, & also to draw accounts to the yearly Meeting; Lois Macy, Abigail Devol, Elizabeth Wing, Grace Hoxie, Mary Rogers, and Phebe Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting; Betty Hoxie, Elizabeth Wing, & Lydia Gould, are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings, and bring to the adjournment. received an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, which was read. our esteemed Friend William Jackson, attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate, from Newgarden monthly Meeting, dated the 10th of the 1st month 1781. This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the close of the Meeting for Worship.

Met according to adjournment, the Representatives were all present except Hannah Hoxie, and Joanna Swift, the accounts to be sent to the yearly Meeting & the Epistles to the monthly Meetings were read & approved, & signed by the Clerk. this Meeting adjourns to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1782. Ruth Gardner is chose Clerk for this Time, the Representatives present are Lydia Gould, Hannah Dillingham, Lois Macy, Lois Barney, Margaret Swain, Mary Cay, Elizabeth Rotch, and Elizabeth Barker, received accounts with answers to the Queries; Pembroke monthly Meeting informs, they have appointed Mary Rogers to stand in the station of an Elder, which this Meeting approves of, having likewise the concurrence of the Men's Meeting, Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Rhode Island in the 6th month last, at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1781 and at Westbury on Long Island in the 5th month last, were received, read and accepted, our esteemed Friends Sarah Hampton, from New-jersey, and Anna Willis, from Long Island, attended this Meeting, and their services were edifying to us, & produced Certificates which were read to satisfaction, Patience Brayton, also attended this Meeting, and produced a Copy of a minute from Swansey monthly meeting. Sarah Gifford, Lydia Gould, Elizabeth Barker, Lois Barney, Lydia Macy, Elizabeth Rodman, and Dinah Macy, are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings, and transcribe the other Epistles to be sent to the aforesaid Meetings; and bring to the adjournment; Lois Macy, Sarah Gifford, Mary Rogers, Elizabeth Sanders, Lydia Gould, Sarah Barney, and Mary Wing, are appointed to join the men Friends, to conclude where to hold the quarterly Meetings, for the ensuing year.

This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow, at the close of the meeting for Worship. Met according to adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present, the Epistles were read; approved; and signed by the Clerk; the Committee appointed to consider, the holding of the quarterly Meetings, the ensuing Year report, that they be held as followeth, at Pembroke the 1st 7th Day in the 10th month, at Falmouth the 1st 6th Day in the 1st month, at Sandwich the 7th Day before the last 1st Day in the 3d month, at Nantucket the 3d Day after the fourth 6th Day in the 6th month; a Certificate for our Friend Sarah Hampton, also a Copy of the Minute from the monthly Meeting held at Westbury, in behalf of our Friend Anna Willis & the Copy of the Minute from Swanzey monthly Meeting, on behalf of Patience Brayton, were endorsed, & signed by the Clerk: the Business being finished, we adjourn to Pembroke, in the 10th month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Pembroke for Sandwich the 5th of the 10th month 1782. The Representatives presents are Abigail Deval, Mary Lake, Elizabeth Wing, Abigail Keen, Sarah Otis, Mary Bailey, Lois Macy, and Lois Barney; received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, which were read; Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, they have appointed Alice Starbuck to the Station of an Elder: which this meeting approves of, with the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein: Elizabeth Wing, Mary Rogers, Lois Macy, Lydia Gould, and Mary Lake are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings, & bring to the adjournment; this Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the close of the Meeting for Worship.

Met according to adjournment, the Representatives being all present; the Epistles to the monthly Meetings, were read approved, and signed by the Clerk, Mary Baily, Abigail Keen, Mary Rogers, Elizabeth Wing, Huldah Rogers, Hannah Delingham, and Lydia Gould, are appointed as a Committee to Unite with a Committee of Men to visit Rochester, & Longplain first and week-day Meetings, as truth may open the Way. This Meeting concludes & adjourns to Falmouth in the 1st month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth the 3d of the 1st month 1783. The Representatives present are Elizabeth Wing, Elizbeth Landers, Abigail Devol, Abigail Keen, and Lydia Gould; received accounts from the several monthly Meetings except Nantucket; Pembroke monthly Meeting informs, that the advice of the Quarterly Meeting of Men Friends, for the Women to choose a Committee, to join with the Men, in Visiting Friends Families, has been mostly performed by them. The business being finished we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 29th of the 3d month 1783. The Representatives present are, Sarah Hoxie, Grace Allen, Elizabeth Wing, Anna Keen, Elizabeth Gould, Judith Macy, Mary Coffin and Keziah Starbuck; received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings by which it appears, there are many Deficiencies amongst us: Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, that they have appointed Lois Macy & Elizabeth Rotch, to the station of Elders, which this Meeting approves, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein. Judith Macy, Mary Coffin, Mary Lake, Mary Wing Jun.r, Keziah Starbuck and Huldah Rogers, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, the Queries together with the answers & account for said Meeting, were read, approved & signed by the Clerk. The business being finished, we adjourn to the usual time at Nantucket.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1783. The Representatives present are, Mercy Delano, Margaret Austin, Mary Rogers, Lydia Gould, Hepzibah Mitchel, Lois Macy, Mary Ray, Lois Barney and Abigail Rogers; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings which were read, together with Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Rhode Island in the 6th month last, at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1782, and at Westbury in the 5th month last, We were favoured with the Company of divers Friends, from the other Quarters, whose Labours of Love have been acceptable and Edifying: a Certificate on behalf of our Friend Elizabeth Varney, and a Copy of the Minute from the monthly Meeting of Berwick, on behalf of Hannah Dow, dated the 17th of the 5th month 1783, signifying their Unity with their attending this Meeting, which were endorsed and signed by the Clerk. Lois Macy, Phebe Wing, Lydia Gould, Keziah Starbuck, and Lydia Macy, are appointed to transcribe the Epistles to be sent to the monthly Meetings, & draw one for the aforesaid Meetings, and bring to the adjournment; Elizabeth Rotch, Mercy Delano, Phebe Wing & Lydia Gould, are chose to Unite with the Yearly Meeting's Committee, respecting the most convenient Times & places, for holding the Quarterly Meetings, for the ensuing year. This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the close of the Meeting for Worship.

Met according to adjournment; the Representatives being called are all present, the Epistles to the monthly Meetings were read, approved, & signed, by the Clerk, & the Transcripts of the other Epistles were brought. A Certificate for our esteemed Friend Mehitable Jenkins, from the monthly Meeting of Berwick, dated in the 5th month last, signifying their Unity with her intended Visit to Pennsylvania, the Jerseys & Europe was read in this Meeting, & her service in the Ministry hath been to our Edification. The Friends appointed to consider the most useful Times & places for holding Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, report as followeth; at Longplain the 7th Day after the 1st sixth Day in the 10th month, at Falmouth the 7th Day after the first 6th Day in the 1st month, at Sandwich the 6th day before the last 1st day in the 3d month; at Nantucket the 3d day after the 4th sixth day in the 6th month; signed on behalf of the Committee by William Rotch
Lois Macy

The business being finished, we adjourn to Long plain in the 10th month next.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich, the 4th of the 10th month 1783. The Representatives present are Sarah Gifford, Mary Lake, Lydia Gould, Abigail Keen and Margaret Swain; received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, which were read. It appears that Sandwich monthly Meeting, has not complied with the advice of the Quarterly, and Select Meeting, in appointing some Friends, to stand in the Station of Elders; it is again recommended to them, to take it into consideration, and wait for best Wisdom to direct them, in the appointment of such as are qualifyed for that service. The Busineſs being finished, we adjourn to Falmouth in the 1st month 1784.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 2d of the 1st month 1784. The Representatives present, are, Elizabeth Sanders, Mary Lake, & Hest Bowerman: received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, except Nantucket; by which we sorrowfully observe, the many Deficiencies; but believe there is a remnant, who labour for a Reformation, & at times are engaged to intercede, with the great Lord of the Harvest, that he would send forth more Labourers, into his Vineyard. The busineſs being finished we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 24th of the 3d month 1784. The Representatives present, are Abigail Allen, Mary Lake, Abigail Keen, Lydia Gould, Hepzibah Harris & Keziah Starbuck; received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings which were read. The account to the yearly Meeting was read, approved and signed by the Clerk, also the answers to the Queries, which are forwarded by our Representatives, who are, Abigail Starbuck, Abigail Allen, Mary Lake, Lydia Gould and Phebe Wing. The busineſs being finished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month.

At a quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 29th of the 6th month 1784. The Representatives present, are Mercy Delano, Elizabeth Wing, Elizabeth Rotch, Lois Macy, Lois Barney and Phebe Parker. received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, which were read. Received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Rhode Island in the 6th month, at Westbury in the 5th month last, and at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1783. which were read to good Satisfaction, also Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rhode Island in the 6th month 1783. Keziah Starbuck, Hepzibah Coffin, & Lydia Macy, are appointed to transcribe the Epistles, with a Copy of the Extracts of the minutes, to be sent to the monthly Meetings, Elizabeth Wing, Lois Macy and Elizabeth Rotch, are appointed to draw Epistles to the monthly Meetings; This Meeting adjourns to the 2d hour tomorrow. Met by adjournment; the Representatives being called are all present. The Epistles to be sent to the monthly Meetings were read, approved and signed by the Clerk: likewise the transcripts of the Epistles, with the Copy of the Minutes, were brought and directed to the several monthly Meetings. We adjourn to Longplain in the

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich the 2d. of the 10th month 1784 The Representatives present, are; Elizabeth Landers, Elizabeth Wing, Mary Lake, Priscilla Ellis, Mary Baily, Phebe Parker and Ruth Fish. Received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings which were read; also a printed Epistle from London, which was read to good Satisfaction. This Meeting adjourns to Falmouth in the 1st month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 8th of the 1st month 1785. The Representatives present, are; Sarah Hoxie; Mary Lake and Lydia Gould. received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings except Nantucket; which were read.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1785. The Representatives present are, Grace Allen, Abigail Allen, Abigail Rogers, & Elizabeth Gould. This Meeting adjourns to the 28th Day at the 10th Hour.

Met according to adjournment; the above mentioned Representatives, with Mary Coffin, were present: received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings which were read. Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, that they have appointed Deborah Huſsey, Hepzibah Harris, and Anna Swain, to stand in the Station of Elders, which this Meeting approves of, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein. Our esteemed Friends Ann Jesop attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate from New-garden monthly Meeting, dated the 4th of the 8th month 1784 also Zachariah Dicks, who produced a Certificate from Cane-Creek monthly Meeting dated the 3d of the 7th month 1784 & John Eliot his Companion from Philadelphia; produced a Certificate; dated the 30th of the 12th month 1784. The Answers to the Queries, with the account to be sent to the Yearly Meeting were read, approved & signed by the Clerk. Lois Macy, Elizabeth Wing 2d, Elizabeth Gould and Rest Bowerman; are appointed to attend said Meeting. the Buſineſs being finished; we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 28th of the 6th month 1785. The Representatives present, are Phebe Wing, Lydia Gould, Rhoda Rogers, Sarah Coggeshall, Mary Ray, Elizabeth Barker and Margaret Swain: received accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings. Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, that Ann Huſsey, being disowned at the monthly Meeting in the 12th month 1784. appeared at the monthly Meeting in the 1st month 1785 and informed that she appealed, to the Judgement of this Meeting. she accordingly appeared & informed, that she still thinks herself aggrieved; Phebe Wing, Lydia Gould and Rhoda Rogers, are appointed to hear her Objections, against the proceedings of said monthly Meeting, & take the Case under Consideration; and make report to the adjournment of this Meeting. received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Newport in the 6th month, at Philadelphia in the 9th month and at Westbury in the 5th month last, which were read to general satisfaction. Hepzibah Harris and Elizabeth Barker, are appointed to transcribe the Epistles, and send Copies to the monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the 10th hour. Met according to adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present. The Committee appointed to consider the appeal of Ann Hussey, report, they have attended to the Service, and weightily considered the Case, and are unitedly of Opinion, that the Judgement of the monthly Meeting be confirmed. said Report was read & approved, by this, and the men's Meeting. It is the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting, that Sandwich Quarterly Meeting be held for the future, the 2d sixth day in the 12th month, and the 6th day before the last firstday in the 3d month. This Meeting adjourns to Longplain in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich the 8th of the 10th month 1785. The Representatives present, are Abigail Allen, Abigail Wing, Junr Lydia Gould, Rhoda Rogers, Sarah Coggeshall, Lois Barney and Elizabeth Redman. Received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings which were read. It appears that some of the monthly Meetings, have not complied with the advice, which hath been repeatedly given, respecting the choosing of Elders: it is again recommended that they take it into solid Consideration, and Endeavour to find some Friends, suitable for that Service, & appoint them to stand in Station of Elders: the Clerk is requested to forward a Copy of this Minute to Sandwich monthly Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to Tomorrow at the 4th Hour.

Met according to adjournment; the Representatives being called, are all present. The Committee appointed to visit Rochester Meeting, report, that they have attended to the Service, & the monthly Meeting Committee, unite with them in their Judgement, that it is not for the Reputation of Society, to have it continued any longer; it is the Conclusion of this, and the Men's Meeting, that they be discontinued. The Business being finished, we adjourn to Falmouth in the 12th month

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 9th of the 12th month 1785. The Representatives present, are Ruth Dillingham, Abigail Rogers, Deborah Hussey, Phebe Parker and Judith Macy; received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, which were read. Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, that Sarah Barker having removed from within the verge of Salem Quarterly Meeting, was recommended to them as an Elder, which this Meeting Unites with The Business being finished, we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d mo. 1786.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 24th of the 3d month 1786. The Representatives present, are Abigail Allen, Elizabeth Sanders, Anna Keen, Rhoda Rogers, Dinah Macy and Lydia Hussey. Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, by which it appears, that (although there are many Deficiencies still amongst us) there is a remnant that are concerned for the prosperity of Zion, & are desirous that she may yet become the Beauty of Nations; Sandwich monthly Meeting informs,

that

that they have appointed Abigail Wing, Junr. and Elizabeth Wing, to stand in the station of Elders, which is approved off by this, and the men's Meeting. Pembroke monthly Meeting informs, that Sarah Rogers Junr. being disowned at their monthly Meeting, in the 11th month last, & being displeased with the Judgement of said Meeting, she appealed to this Meeting, she accordingly appeared and thinking herself aggrieved, we appoint Lois Mary, Elizabeth Barker, Rachel Mitchel, Mary Hoxie and Mary Lake, to hear her Objections against the Judgement of said Meeting, & take the Case into Consideration, and make report to the adjournment of this Meeting. This Meeting adjourns to the 10th Hour Tomorrow.

Met according to adjournment, the Representatives being called, are all present. The Answers to the Queries with the account to the Yearly Meeting were read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Elizabeth Barker, Rachel Mitchel, Mary Lake and Phebe Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, next to be held at Rhode Island. The Committee appointed, in Case of Sarah Roger's appeal, make the following Report. Agreeable to appointment, we have waited on Sarah Rogers, and heard what she had to say, & after deliberate Consideration thereon, are of the mind, that if the Quarterly Meeting concurs therewith, that the Judgement of Pembroke monthly Meeting, be confirmed.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by, Benjn. Barney
Elizabth. Barker

Said Report being read, and weightily considered, is accepted by this Meeting, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein. Lydia Brown, Rhoda Rogers and Elizabeth Killey, are chose to inform Sarah Rogers, that the Judgment of Pembroke monthly Meeting, is confirmed by this Meeting. This Meeting being informed, that Ann Huſsey, has appealed from the Judgement of the Quarterly Meeting, held at Nantucket for Sandwich in the 6th month 1785. which being noticed, this Meeting appoints Elizabeth Barker, Mary Lake, and Phebe Wing, to see that it is entered in the accounts to the Yearly Meeting. The Busineſs being finished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 27th of the 6th month 1786. The Representatives present, are for Sandwich Elizabeth Landers & Elizabeth Swift, for Pembroke, Abigail Keen & Abigail Rogers, for Nantucket, Judith Mary, Elizabeth Barker, Ann Swain, and Elizabeth Emmett, who being called, are all present, except Elizabeth Landers, who was not able to attend. Elizabeth Rodman, is appointed Clerk for this time. Received accounts from the several monthly Meetings, with Answers to the Queries, by which there appears many Deficiencies, yet we believe there are some, who are concerned, for the maintainance of our Discipline, also Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held at Rhode Island, in the 6th month 1786 at Westbury, on Long Island, in the 5th month 1786 & Transcripts of the Epistles from the yearly ~~the Yearly~~ Meeting held at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1785. were received & read in this Meeting, containing much Salutary, and pertinent Advice. Our esteemed Friend Sarah Lundy attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from Kingwood monthly Meeting, held at New-Jersey the 8th of the 9th month 1785. & one on behalf of our Friend Cynthia Irish, her Companion, from the monthly Meeting held at Oblong the 17th of the 10th month 1785 which were read to satisfaction; Elizabeth Gould and Lydia Macy are appointed to transcribe the Epistles, & forward them to the several monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to half after four this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called, are all present. The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, report, that they attended, & the Committee appointed to inform Sarah Rogers of the Conclusion of the last Quarterly Meeting, and her right of appealing, report, they have attended to that Service. Epistles from the Yearly Meetings, of men Friends held at London, and Westbury, were read to satisfaction, & the seasonable advice in them, is worthy the attention of each Individual. We are informed by the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, that Ann Hussey not appearing, to prosecute her appeal, nor sending any reasons for her nonappearance, said Case is dismissed. The business being finished we adjourn to Longplain in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich the 7th of the 10th month 1786. The Representatives present, are; for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Elizabeth Swift, for Nantucket Lois Barney and Anna Swain, for Pembroke Mary Baily & Abigail Keen. Received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which, we have to observe, with sorrow, that there are many Deviations from the principles of Truth, which we profess; ought to be the Rule and Guide, for all our conduct, that we may not do any thing against, but for the Truth. Our Esteemed Friend Thomas Colley, attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from the monthly Meeting of Balby, held at Sheffield in the County of York the 10th of the 3d month 1785 also one from the Quarterly Meeting held at York the 31st of said month, & one from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at London in the 5th month 1785 manifesting their Unity, and Sympathy with him, in his religious Concern to Visit Friends in America; his Company, & service in the Ministry, has been acceptable and edifying. Sarah Rogers Junr informed this Meeting of her Determination, of appealing, from the Confirmation; of the Judgment of Pembroke monthly Meeting, by the Quarterly Meeting, held at Sandwich in the 3d month last, respecting her Denial; which is referred, to the Consideration of the Quarterly Meeting to be held in the 3d month 1787. A Certificate on behalf of our esteemed Friend, Thomas Colley, directed to Balby, Monthly Meeting, was approved and signed by the Clerk. The Business being accomplished we adjourn to Falmouth, in the 12th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 23d of the 3d month 1787. The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich, Abigail Allen and Elizabeth Sanders, for Pembroke Abigail Keen and Hannah Estes, for Nantucket Sarah Barker, Keziah Jenkins and Phebe Parker; received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly

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Meetings, by which it appears, there are many Deficiencies amongst us, yet we beleive there is a Remnant, who labour for an Amendment: the account, with the Answers to the Queries, to be sent to the Yearly Meeting were read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Sarah Barker, Abigail Wing, Phebe Parker and Phebe Wing, are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting. The appeal of Sarah Rogers being refered to this Meeting, we appoint Sarah Barker, Abigail Wing and Phebe Wing, to represent the Case to the Yearly Meeting, and see that it is entered in the accounts to said Meeting.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 26th of the 6th month 1787. Margaret Swain is appointed Clerk for this Time. The Representatives present, are; for Pembroke Sarah Otis, for Nantucket Lois Macy, Ruth Gardner and Judith Hussey, for Sandwich none present. Received Accounts with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings; by which it appears, there are some apparent Deficiencies amongst us, notwithstanding the Labour that has been bestowed; yet we trust there is a Number, who are endeavouring to maintain our Christian Testimony in all its Branches, and wish the Labourers may increase. This Meeting adjourns to half after three this Afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called, are all present. Sarah Barker informs, she attended the Yearly Meeting according to appointment, & Sarah Rogers appeal was represented to said Meeting, & they confirmed the Judgment of the monthly, and Quarterly Meetings. Several Epistles from Divers parts, were read, and their Contents are worthy of attention. Transcripts of which, are directed to the several monthly Meetings.

There being but one Representative present, from Pembroke & none from Sandwich monthly Meeting, it would be well for Friends to consider of so weighty a Matter and endeavour for the Future to attend on such solemn Occasions. The advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting the appointing of a Committee to visit the monthly Meetings, is refered to the Consideration of the next Quarterly Meeting, as there is but few Friends present. The business being finished we adjourn to Longplain in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Longplain for Sandwich the 6th of the 10th month 1787.

The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing, and Elizabeth Sanders, for Pembroke Abigail Keen and Elizabeth Gould; for Nantucket Lois Macy, Judith Hussey and Dinah Spooner. The Queries with the Answers from each monthly Meeting, were read

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth for Sandwich the 14th of 12th month 1787.

The Representative present, is for Sandwich Mary Lake. received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, except Nantucket, by which it appears that the former Complaint of Deficiencies, is still remaining, although we beleive there are some amongst us, that are engaged for the Truth. The advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting choosing of a Committee to visit the monthly Meetings, being refered to the Consideration of this Meeting, is again refered to the consideration of the next Quarterly Meeting. The Business being accomplished, we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month 1788.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 28th of the 3d month 1788. The Representatives present are Grace Allen, Phebe Wing and Hannah Wing. This Meeting adjourns to Longplain the 7th Day after the 1st 6th Day in the 6th month at the 11th Hour. Phebe Wing and Elizabeth Swift are appointed to inform the monthly Meetings of Nantucket and Pembroke of the adjournment of this Meeting

Met according to adjournment at Longplain the 7th of the 6th mo 1788. The Representatives present are Grace Allen and Phebe Wing: received accounts from Sandwich and Nantucket monthly Meetings. the Answers to the Queries were read, by which we have to observe with sorrow, the shortness in attending Meetings on week-days, and for Discipline. The advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting choosing a Committee to visit the monthly Meetings, is refered to the Consideration of the next Quarterly Meeting. Certificates on behalf of our esteemed Friends Joseph Deleplain, Soloman Underhill & his Companion Gideon Seaman, were read and signed by the Clerk. The Answers to the Queries with the account to be sent to the Yearly Meeting were read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Mary Mitchel and Abigail Wing are appointed to attend said Meeting. The Business being accomplished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1788. The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Mercy Delano & Elizabeth Bowerman; for Pembroke Abigail Rogers and Elizabeth Gould, for Nantucket Lois Macy, Sarah Barker and Anna Swain. Elizabeth Rodman is appointed Clerk for this Time. Received accounts with answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which there appears many Deficiencies, yet we trust there is a Remnant, concerned for the promotion of Truth: we are informed that Mary Mitchel and Abigail Wing attended the Yearly Meeting received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings, of Newport, Philadelphia and Westbury, which were read to satisfaction, containing much seasonable and affectionate advice; Transcripts of which are to be forwarded to the monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to the 3d Hour.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present; the advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting choosing a Committee to visit the monthly Meetings, being refered to this Meeting, we appoint Lois Macy, and refer it to the Next Quarterly Meeting for an addition. The business being accomplished we adjourn to Aponaganset in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Aponaganset for Sandwich the 4th of the 10th month 1788. The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Phebe Wing and Eli-

Elizabeth Swift, for Pembroke Priscilla Ellis, for Nantucket Lois Macy, Elizabeth Barker and Abigail Huſsey, for Dartmouth Elizabeth Slocum and Anna Eddy, for Swanzey Sibyll Sherman Martha Chase and Hannah Chase, for Acoaxet Abigail White. Mehitable Chase and Peace Lawton. Our esteemed Friend Hannah Lapham, attended this Meeting, and produced a copy of the Minute, of the monthly Meeting held at East Hoosack the 20th of the 9th month 1788. whose Company and service amongst us hath been acceptable. The advice of the Yearly Meeting respecting choosing a Committee, to visit the monthly Meetings, refered to this Meeting for an addition, we appoint Deborah Davis, Peace Devol, Martha Gifford, Patience Brayton, Elizabeth Barker, Sarah Howland and Phebe Wing to aſsist them, as truth may open the way. The Men inform; they have appointed a Committee to visit Sandwich Monthly Meeting; and this Meeting taking it under Notice; appoints, Lois Macy, Elizabeth Barker and Deborah Davis to Unite with said Committee, in visiting that monthly Meeting; to sit with; and afford them such aſsistance as truth may enable them to, and they may find neceſsary. Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, by which it appears there are many Deficiencies yet remaining amongst us.

Our esteemed Friend Mary Mitchel expreſsed a Concern to make a Religious Visit, to some of the southern Governments, and produced a Certificate from Nantucket monthly Meeting, dated the 24th of the 9th month 1788; which this Meeting having full Unity with; and a near sympathy with Her, it was endorsed in this Meeting and signed by the Clerk. The Buſineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Bedford in the 12th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 19th of the 12th month 1788.

The Representatives present, are, for Sandwich Anna Wing & Mercy Delano, for Pembroke Abigail Rogers, for Dartmouth Keziah Ruſsell and Mary Tucker, for Swanzey Hannah Chase, Patience Brayton, Phebe Robinson and Sarah Purrinton, for Acoaxet Patience Gifford, Susannah Ruſsell, and Peace Devol. The Queries were read with the Answers, from each monthly Meeting, and we have with sorrow to observe, that there is a Neglect in attending meetings on Weekdays & those for Discipline. Mary Mitchel informs, that she feels herself released from the Concern which she manifested, the last Quarterly Meeting, for making a religious Visit to the Southern Governments, and hath in consequence thereof returned the Certificate which she had for that purpose, with our endorsement which is accepted; Friends being satisfied with her circumspect Conduct therein; Mercy Slocum is appointed in addition to the Committee, to visit the monthly Meetings; the Committee appointed to visit Sandwich monthly Meeting inform they attended to that service; and gave them such advice as they thought neceſsary, which was accepted by them: it is thought a Committee might be useful to attend some of the particular Meetings, belonging to said Meeting whereupon we appoint Mercy Slocum and Susannah Ruſsell in addition to the former Committee, to visit said Meetings. Swanzey Monthly Meeting inform, they approve of the publick appearance in the Ministry, of Phebe Roberson, which we unite with having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein. Dartmouth monthly Meeting inform, they have appointed Rhoda Tucker, to stand in the Station of an Elder; which is approved of by this and the Men's Meeting, as also the appointment of Joseph Tucker, to said Station; The Buſineſs being accomplished, we adjourn to Sandwich in the 5th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 27th of the 5th month 1789.
The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Grace Bowerman, and Mary Lake, for Pembroke Abigail Rogers and Abigail Keen, for Nantucket Sarah Barker and Hepzibah Harris, for Dartmouth Sarah Howland, ~~and~~ Mercy Slocum, and Keziah Ruſsell, for Acoaxet Susannah Ruſsell and Sarah Soul. The Committee appointed to visit Sandwich monthly Meeting report, they have attended to the Service, and communicated such advice as appeared useful, & neceſsary, and found a degree of satisfaction therein, which we accept having the Concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein. Received accounts, with Answers to the Queries, from the several monthly Meetings, by which it appears there is a shortneſs in some in attending Week-Day Meetings, which is Cause of Sorrow to the honest Hearted. The accounts with the Answers to the Queries, to be sent to the Yearly Meeting, were read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Mercy Slocum, Elizabeth King, Elizabeth Barker, Susannah Ruſsell, Keziah Ruſsell and Abigail Rogers are appointed to attend said Meeting. The Buſineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 30th of the 6th month 1789. By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears, that the following Friends were appointed Representatives, Vizt, for Sandwich Mercy Delano, for Pembroke Anna Keen and Mary Baily, for Nantucket Margaret Swain, Lois Barney, Elizabeth Rotch, & Alice Starbuck, for Dartmouth, Elizabeth Slocum and Rhoda Tucker, for Swanzey Sibyll Shearman, and Mary Earl, for Acoaxet Sarah Sowl and Susannah Ruſsell, all present, except two, whose reasons for not attending, are satisfactory to this Meeting. Elizabeth Rodman is appointed Clerk for this Time: The Friends appointed, attended the yearly Meeting, except two, who gave satisfactory reasons, for their absence. Our beloved Friend Rebecca Jones attended this Meeting, & produced a Certificate from the monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Philadelphia for the Northern District, dated the 2d of the 6th month 1789 directed to the Yearly Meeting of Friends on Rhode Island, and elsewhere, where her Lot may be cast, expreſsing their Unity, with her Ministry, and concurrence with her religious Visit; which was read to Satisfaction, her Company being acceptable, and her Labours in the Ministry and Discipline tending to Edification. This Meeting adjourns to the 5th Hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present, the accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, were read, and we sorrowfully observe the many Deficiencies mentioned in them. An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island in the 6th month 1789. and Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held at Westbury and Philadelphia, were read to good satisfaction, and contained much seasonable and pertinent advice which, a number amongst us are desirous may be profitably remembered; Transcripts of said Epistles are to be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings. This Meeting adjourns to the 11th Hour To-morrow. Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present. It being concluded by the Yearly Meeting that Swanzey Monthly Meeting return to Rhode Island Quarter, and it appearing neceſsary that some Friends be appointed, intsead of those appointed by Swanzey monthly Meeting, to visit the Meetings belonging to this Quarter, we accordingly appoint Rhoda Tucker and Susannah Ruſsell to join the Committee appointed for that service. The Certificate on behalf of our esteemed Friend Rebecca Jones was endorsed in this Meeting and signed by the Clerk. It is concluded that Nantucket Quarterly Meeting begin for the future at the 10th Hour. The busineſs being finished we adjourn to Bedford in in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bedford for Sandwich the 3d of the 10th month 1789.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Sanders, Mercy Delano and Phebe Wing, for Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers and Rhoda Rogers, for Nantucket Phebe Huſsey, Judith Macy, and Sarah Barney the 2d, for Dartmouth Keziah Ruſsell, Anna Eddy (and Rhoda Tucker; for Acoaxet Patience Potter and Mehitable Chase. Received Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read: the Men's Meeting inform that Sandwich monthly Meeting hath appointed Joseph Wing to stand in the Station of an Elder, which we approve. The report of the committee that visited the Friends at Dartmouth Novascotia; being united with by this and the men's Meeting, is received. The Committee appointed to visit the monthly Meetings, report, that they have visited all the monthly Meetings & most of the preparative Meetings, and laboured with them in the ability afforded, which was attended with a good Degree of satisfaction, and think, considering the State of several of the Monthly Meetings, that a new arrangement of some of them may be useful; said Report being read and considered, is accepted. The men have appointed a Committee to confer with the former Committee on that account, which we unite with and appoint Mary Lake, Judith Ruſsell, Elizabeth Rogers and Mehitable Chase to join said Committee and make report to the next Quarterly Meeting. The Busineſs being finished, we adjourn to New Bedford the 2d sixth Day in the 12th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 11th of the 12th month 1789.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mary Lake, Phebe Wing and Elizabeth Wing, for Pembroke Deborah Rogers, for Dartmouth Martha Chase, Patience Austin and Elizabeth Trip, for Acoaxet Peace Lawton & Sarah Soul. Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings which were read and the many Deficiencies therein mentioned have been a Cause of sorrow to the honest Hearted; and some remarks have been made thereon, worthy to be remembered. Acoaxet Monthly Meeting informs, that they have appointed Susannah Ruſsell and Abigail White, to stand in the Station of Elders, which this Meeting approves, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting therein, Deborah Davis is appointed to inform the Select Meeting of the appointment of the above mentioned Friends; The Committee appointed to confer with the Quarterly Meeting's Committee inform, that they have consulted said Committee on the matter proposed, concerning a new arrangement of some of the Monthly Meetings and their prospect was, that the Meetings of Longplain and Acushnet be taken from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, and Bedford Meeting be taken from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, and they together to constitute a new Monthly Meeting, & that they have visited the Meetings likely to be affected thereby, but are not ready to make a further Report at this Time, and they are still continued to have the Care of that Matter, and report to the next Quarterly Meeting; The buſineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 26th of the 3d month 1790.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Sanders and Abigail Wing 2d, for Pembroke Abigail Keen and Elizabeth Gould, for Nantucket Phebe Parker and Judith Macy, for Dartmouth Elizabeth Trip and Rhoda Tucker; for Acoaxet Abigail White and Mehitable Chase. Received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings which were read; an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London in the 6th month 1789, containing much excellent advice, was read in this Meeting; The Committee appointed to take into consideration, the arrangement of some of the Monthly Meetings, & report to this Meeting, report, they have attended to the Appointmen, but are not ready to make a conclusive report at this Time, which is refered to the next Quarterly Meeting; the Account with the answers to the Queries, to be sent to the Yearly Meeting were read, approved & signed by the Clerk; Elizabeth Rotch, Rhoda Tucker, Mary Lake, Mehitable Chase, Abigail White and Elizabeth Swift are appointed to attend said Meeting. The Busineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th mo. next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 29th of the 6th month 1790.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mercy Delano,

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Elizabeth Wing 2d and Hannah Swift, for Pembroke Rhoda Rogers, for Nantucket Abigail Huſsey, Phebe Huſsey, Lydia Macy and Lois Macy, for Dartmouth Martha Smith, Patience Austin and Judith Ruſsell, for Accoaxet Mercy Macomber and Sarah Soul; received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held at Rhode Island in the 6th month 1790 at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1789 & at Westbury on Long Island in the 5th month 1790 which were read to good satisfaction; Copies of which are to be sent to the several Monthly Meetings: our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Drinker attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Philadelphia the 30th of the 4th month 1790 manifesting their Unity and Concurrence with her concern to make a religious Visit among Friends in these parts; whose Company & Service hath been acceptable and Edifying; & her companion Hannah Yerkes presented a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting held at Philadelphia for the Northern District the 25th of the 5th month 1790 whose company hath been acceptable; Our esteemed Friend Daniel Offley & his Companion John Morton attended this Meeting and produced Certificates from the monthly Meeting held at Philadelphia the 25th of the 4th month 1790 whose Company hath been acceptable and edifying; This Meeting adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being called are all present, received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, by which it appears there is a neglect in attending Weekday Meetings, some remarks have been made thereon worthy to be noticed. the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they mostly attended, & those who did not attend, have given satisfactory reasons therefor; the Committee appointed to take into consideration the new arrangement of some of the monthly Meetings, are not ready to make a full report, and it is refered to the next Quarterly Meeting; it is concluded by the Men's Meeting, (which we unite with) that the Quarterly Meeting to be held in the 10th month, be held the 1st six day in said Month. The Busineſs being accomplished, we adjourn to New Bedford in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 1st of the 10th month 1790.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Mercy Delano, Patience Austin and Elizabeth Swift, for Pembroke Dorothy Howland and Deborah Rogers, for Nantucket Lois Macy, Hepzibah Harris, Elizabeth Worth and Dinah Macy, for Dartmouth Patience Austin and Rhoda Tucker; for Accoaxet Susannah Ruſsell, Patience Potter and Patience Trip: received accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, by which there appears many important Deficiencies, yet we hope there is a Remnant concerned for the promotion of Truth. Lois Macy and Deborah Davis are appointed to prepare Certificates for our esteemed Friends Elizabeth Drinker and Hannah Yerkes

A Certificate for Elizabeth Drinker directed to the monthly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia, manifesting our unity with her Visit and Services in these parts, & another for her Campaaion Hannah Yerkes directed to the monthly Meeting of Friends at Philadelphia for the northern District, were read, approved & signed by the Clerk. The busineſs being accomplished we adjourn to New-Bedford in the 12th mo next. 39

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwith the 10th of the 12th month 1790.

The Clerk being absent Deborah Davis is appointed Clerk for this Time by accounts from the monthly Meetings it appears, the following Friends are appointed Representatives, Vizt, for Sandwich, Patience Austin and Mary Wing, for Pembroke Abigail Rogers, for Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker; Sarah Howland and Deborah Davis, for Acoaxet Peace Lawton and Mary Milk, who being called are all present, except Rhoda Tucker who sent satisfactory Reasons, which are accepted; the Answers to the Queries from the monthly Meetings were read; the Matter concerning a new arrangement of some of the monthly Meetings is continued under the same Friends Care. The Busineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month 1791.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 25th of the 3d month 1791.

The Representatives present are for Sandwich Grace Allen, Elizabeth Sanders and Mary Lake, for Nantucket Deborah Huſsey & Elizabeth Gardner; for Dartmouth Deborah Davis and Mercy Slocum; for Acoaxet Mary Trip; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, from which we have prepared answers to be sent to the Yearly Meeting, which were read, approved and signed by the Clerk; Mercy Slocum and Deborah Huſsey are appointed to attend said Meeting; the Men inform that Nantucket monthly Meeting, hath appointed William Brown to the station of an Elder; which we unite with; the Committee appointed to Visit Sandwich, Pembroke & Dartmouth monthly Meetings are diſmiſsed. The busineſs being finished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 25th of the 6th month 1791.

The Representatives for Dartmouth are, Anna Eddy, Deborah Davis, ~~and~~ Martha Smith and Hannah Wood, for Sandwich Abigail Wing, Deborah Trip & Patience Austin, for Pembroke Mary Baily and Abigail Rogers, for Nantucket Elizabeth Barker, Margaret Swain and Ruth Fish, for Acoaxet Patience Potter, Susannah Ruſsell and Deborah Maccumber; who being called are all present; the friends appointed report they attended the yearly Meeting. Our beloved Friend Mary Ridgway attended this Meeting with a Certificate from the Men's and Women's monthly Meeting, for Mountmelick, held at Montrath the 10th of the 4th month 1789. with concurring Certificates from the Quarterly Meeting held at Dublin, the 1st of the 5th month 1789. and half years Meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held at Dublin the 2d and 6th of the 5th month 1789. expreſsive of their near Unity and Sympathy with her, in her intended Visit, and affectionate desire for her preservation; and that she may be favoured to return with the reward of Peace, if consistant with best Wisdom. — Our beloved Friend Jane Watson, also attended this Meeting, & produced a Certificate from the monthly Meeting held at Edenderry in Ireland the 22d of the 4th month 1789. with concurring Certificates from the above mentioned Quarterly and half Year's Meeting expressive of their Unity and near Sympathy with her intended Visit, recommending her to the tender regard of Friends where her lot may be cast. Likewise our beloved Friend Sarah Lundy, who produced a Certificate from Kingwood Monthly Meeting held at Hardwick by adjournments, from the 14th to the 20th of the 10th month 1790. directed to Friends in Nova-Scotia, expressive of their Unity with her Concern, and desires for her preservation & safe Return: we have also had the Company of our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Martin, who produced a Copy of a Minute, of the monthly Meeting held at Rhaway, for Rhaway and Plainfield the 19th of the 5th month 1791, signifying their Unity with her as an Elder, and approbation of her accompanying our valuable Friend Sarah Lundy on her religious Visit: which were read to satisfaction. the Company and arduous Labours of the before mentioned beloved Friends, in the Ministry and Discipline, have been much to the comfort and refreshment of a remnant amongst us. This Meeting adjourns to the 5th hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives being present, the accounts with the answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings were read; by which we sorrowfully observe the great declension in our Society: an Epistle from our Yearly Meeting held on Rhode Island in the 6th month 1791 and Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and Westbury yearly Meetings were read to satisfaction; containing fresh, pertinent and seasonable advice; which a number amongst us are desirous may be profitably remembered. This Meeting adjourns to Dartmouth in the 10th month next. Elizabeth Redman Clerk for this time.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 23d of the 3d month 1792.

The Representatives are, for Sandwich Patience Austin & Abigail Wing 2d, for Pembroke Rhoda Rogers, for Nantucket Anna Swain and Elizabeth Gardner, for Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Patience Austin and Phebe Allen, for Acoaxet Rest Wood, Judith Gifford and Lydia Howland, who being called are all present, except Judith Gifford who sent her excuse which is accepted; the reasons given by the Representatives from Nantucket Monthly Meeting for their not attending the Last Quarterly Meeting, are accepted; the Committee appointed to Unite with the Men Friends, to visit Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, report, they have proceeded according to appointment, and think it necessary to be continued, and request an addition to the Committee, we accordingly appoint Anna Swain, Phebe Wing and Abigail Wing to join them; the Queries with the answers thereto from the several monthly Meetings, were read, by which there appears an increasing Care amongst Friends to support the Discipline and endeavour to have those Deficiencies removed that have been so often complained of, may their Care still encrease, is the desire of all the true Seekers of Sion's prosperity. The account with the answers to the Queries to be sent to the Yearly Meeting, were read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Elizabeth Wing, Phebe Wing, Anna Swain, Patience Austin & Rhoda Tucker are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting. We are informed by the Men's Meeting, that Nantucket monthly Meeting hath appointed Sylvanus Macy to stand in the Station of an Elder, which we unite with. The buſineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by Phebe Wing Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 26th of the 6th month 1792.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Ruth Davis and Lydia Purington, for Pembroke, Rhoda Rogers, for Nantucket Lois Macy, Elizabeth Barker and Sarah Coggeshall, for Dartmouth Elizabeth Slocum, Mercy Anthony, Judith Ruſsell and Amy Green, for Acoaxet Jemimah Wing and Sarah Soul. The Clerk being absent Elizabeth Gardner is appointed Clerk for this Time. we adjourn to half past 3 o clock this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the representatives being called are all present. Nantucket monthly meeting recommends Elizabeth Worth as a Minister; which being considered is United with & directed that the Yearly Meeting be informed thereof. The Queries with the answers from the several monthly meetings were read, by which we observe there is a care amongst Friends to support the Discipline in its various branches. Certificates, from the Men Meeting, for our friends John and Benjamin Reeves, from Greenwich monthly Meeting in the state of New-Jersey, expreſsive of their unity with them as Ministers, were read to satisfaction; the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except Elizabeth Wing, who gave satisfactory reasons. therefor. An Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rhode Island in the 6th month 1792, and a Copy of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at Philadelphia in the 9th month 1791, containing much weighty counsel and advice, were read to the satisfaction of many Friends, & Copies thereof are to be sent to the monthly Meetings. The buſineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Dartmouth the 1st 6th day in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Dartmouth for Sandwich the 5th of the 10th month 1792.

The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Phebe Wing and Patience Austin, for Pembroke Hannah Dillingham and Abigai Keen, for Nantucket Judith Lawrence, Mary Coffin, Elizabeth Rodman and Elizabeth Gardner, for Dartmouth Anna Eddy & Rhoda Tucker, for Acoaxet Susannah Ruſsell and Mehitable Chase. Received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings which were read, Phebe Wing & Patience

Austin are appointed to take the Answers to the Queries and prepare a summary therefrom & bring to the next Quarterly Meeting.
The Committee appointed to unite with a Committee of Men Friends to consider ~~of the~~ of the propriety of dividing Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, report they have weightily considered the Matter and are of opinion it would be useful for the Friends of Bedford particular Meeting to be set off and constitute a Monthly Meeting and Dartmouth and Newtown to constitute another, which being read and considered is accepted by this, and the Men's Meeting: a Certificate on behalf of our esteemed Friends John & Benjamin Reeves directed to the Monthly Meeting of Greenwich in the state of New-Jersey, expressive of our Unity with their Visit in these parts, was read and signed by the Clerk. The business being accomplished we adjourn to New Bedford in the 12th mo.
Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Phebe Wing Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 11th of the 12th month 1792.
By accounts from the several Monthly Meetings it appears the following Friends are appointed Representatives viz.t, for Sandwich Phebe Wing and Mehitable Kelly, for Dartmouth Hannah Wood, Rhoda Tucker, Mary Smith and Jedidah Mosher, for Acoaxet Deborah Macomber; all present, but Phebe Wing,
& no Representatives present from Pembroke: received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings except Nantucket. The Committee appointed to consider of the Bounds and Time of holding New Bedford monthly Meeting, have prefixed the time, the third day after the third second day in each month, at the close of the Meeting for Worship, Mercy Delano, Mercy Slocum and Rhoda Tucker are appointed to join a Committee of Men Friends to visit and assist said Meeting in establishing good order therein. The business being accomplished we adjourn to Sandwich the 6th day before the last 1st Day in the 3d month next.
Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by { Deborah Davis
Clerk for this Time.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1793.
The Representatives present are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, and Elizabeth Sanders, for Pembroke Abigail Keen & Elizabeth Castes, for Nantucket Sarah Barker, Mary Coffin, Phebe Parker and Lydia Mitchell, for Dartmouth Martha Chase, Jerusha Smith, Anna Gifford and Ruth Tucker, for Acoaxet Rebecca Tripp, Sarah Sowl and Elizabeth Austin, for New Bedford Patience Austin, Almy Proud & Lydia Arthur. The time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed, we appoint Elizabeth Gardner Clerk for the Year ensuing. Our beloved Friend Sarah Talbot attended this meeting with a Certificate, from the Monthly Meeting of Concord, Delaware County, Pennsylvania held the 5th of the 4th month 1793, expressive of their Unity & concurrence

with her intended visit, whose company and service amongst us hath been acceptable; also a copy of a minute for our Friend Ann Ferris expressive of their Unity with her accompanying our friend Sarah Talbot was read to satisfaction: the Friends appointed, attended the Yearly Meeting except Abigail Wing who gave a satisfactory reason. We adjourn to the third Hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment, the Representatives all present; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings which were read: Nantucket monthly Meeting recommends our friend Dorcas Brown as a Minister; which being weightily considerd is United with, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting, and directed that the next Yearly Meeting be informed thereof; a copy of a Minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting dated the 29th of the 6th month 1793 on behalf of our esteemed friend Mary Mitchel expressing their Unity and Sympathy with her concern to make a religious visit to some part of Nine-Partners Quarterly Meeting, & an endorsement of concurrence thereon, was read approved and signed, which is as followeth, The within Copy of a Minute being laid before this Meeting, we hereby manifest our sympathy with our beloved Friend Mary Mitchel, our unity with her concern, and concurrence with her intended visit.

Signed in and on behalf of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held on Nantucket the 2d of the 7th mo 1793 by, } William Rotch Clerk
Elizth Gardner Clerk

The Epistle from our Yearly Meeting held at Rhode Island was left, by accident; we received Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, and Long Island which were read to satisfaction; Elizabeth Gardner, Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Wooden and Dorcas Gardner are appointed to copy the above transcripts & forward them to the several Monthly Meetings, and report to the next Quarterly Meeting. The business being accomplished we adjourn to Dartmouth the 1st 6th Day in the 10th month next.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Dartmouth for Sandwich the 4th of the 10th month 1793.

The Representatives are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, Rest Bowerman and Ruth Davis, for Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers, Deborah Rogers and Elizabeth Eastes, for Nantucket Sarah Barker, Mary Coffin, Lydia Worth and Lydia Macy, for Dartmouth Mercy Anthony, Experience Hart and Anna Eddy, for Acoaxet Abigail White, Patience Potter and Mary Milk, for New Bedford Keziah Russell, Deborah Davis and Patience Austin who are all present except Elizabeth Rogers and Keziah Russell, from whom we have received satisfactory reasons; the friends appointed to copy the Epistles from Philadelphia and Westbury Yearly Meetings and forward to the monthly Meetings, report they have performed their appointment. – The Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting being received and read, Transcripts thereof are to be forwarded to the several monthly Meetings; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings which were read, and Lydia Macy and Elizabeth Gardner are appointed to prepare a summary therefrom and bring to our

our next Quarterly Meeting: our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Mott attended this Meeting, and her company and service hath been acceptable. - The Committee appointed to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting not being ready to report, are continued, to make report to our ~~next~~ Quarterly Meeting in the 3d month next. We conclude and adjourn to New Bedford the 2d 6th Day in the 12th month next.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by Elizabeth Gardner Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 13th of the 12th month 1793.

The Representatives appointend to attend this Meeting are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Mary Lake, for Pembroke Abigail Rogers and Abigail Keen, for Dartmouth Mercy Slocum, Sarah Howland and Rhoda Tucker; for Acoaxet Peace Lawton, Elizabeth Gifford and Lydia Howland, for New Bedford Judith Ruſsell and Almy Green, who being called are all present, except Elizabeth Wing, Sarah Howland and Peace Lawton who were prevented attending by indisposition. The Clerk being absent Charity Rotch is appointed Clerk for this time. The friends appointed to prepare a summary account of the state of our Meetings from the answers to the Queries, attended to that service, and forwarded it to this Meeting which being read was approved: received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, except Nantucket, which were read; Almy Green is appointed to aſsist the Clerk in preparing a summary account from the answers, timely for the next Quarterly Meeting. A Certificate on behalf of our beloved Friend Sarah Talbot, expreſsive of our unity with her Labours amongst us, and a few lines on behalf of our Friend Ann Ferris, companion to the above named Friend, manifesting her company to be acceptable and Conduct examplary were read, approved and signed by the Clerks of both Meetings. The busineſs being accomplished we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Charity Rotch Clerk for this Time

By answers to the Queries from each monthly Meeting, it appears that our Meetings are generally attended, and the Hour observed; not clear of sleeping; mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour except in one meeting where care is expreſsed to be taken. Love & Unity is measurably maintained; when differences arise, care is taken to end them. Some friends are careful to educate those under their direction consistant with our profeſsion, and such are examplary themselves, although a great slackneſs in this respect is generally apparent. The holy scriptures are audibly read in friends families. No complaint in either part of the 4th Query. Care is extended towards the Poor: no Children placed from among Friends. Some friends discountenance those under their care accompanying on account of marriage without their consent, although it appears there are some in most meetings who keep company with such as are not of our society, wherein care is taken. No trial in the first part of the 7th Query and clear as far as appears in the last. Friends are generally careful to inspect and settle their affairs; not altogether clear respecting Wills; Gifts & Legacies are duly applied. Our testimony against slavery is measurably maintained; mostly careful in performing promises and paying Debts, or transacting business beyond the proper Limits. Care is taken in recording, as also on account of Certificates; a concern remains to deal with offenders, & place Judgment where it appears neceſsary according to our Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich for Sandwich the 25th of the 3d month 1794.

The Representatives are for Sandwich Abigail Wing, Experience Sherman and Phebe Wing, for Pembroke Abigail Rogers and Abigail Keen, for Nantucket Anna Gardner and Judith Macy, for Dartmouth, Sarah Howland, Mercy Anthony & Rhoda Tucker, for Acoaxet Susannah Ruſsell and Abigail White, for New Bedford Judith Ruſsell, Deborah Davis and Charity Rotch, who are all present except Anna Gardner and Judith Ruſsell who, we are informed, are detained by sickneſs: Nantucket monthly meeting informs, that they were prevented attending last Quarterly Meeting by contrary Winds. The friends appointed to prepare a summary, from the answers to the Queries, have produced one which was read: received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, which were read, and a summary prepared from them is to be forwarded to our next yearly Meeting; Deborah Davis, Susannah Ruſsell, Mercy Anthony, Dorcas Brown, Abigail Wing, Abigail Rogers, Charity Rotch and Sarah Howland are appointed to attend said Meeting, the account to be sent to the Yearly Meeting was read, approved & signed by the Clerk. The Committee appointed to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting report, it is their opinion they are not qualified to hold a Monthly Meeting without some aſsistance, to the Reputation of society, which is accepted, and Deborah Davis, Rhoda Tucker, Elizabeth Wing, Sarah Howland, Charity Rotch and Ruth Davis, are appointed to join a Committee of Men Friends to visit said Meeting, sit with them from Time to Time, & labour to aſsist them collectively or individually, as truth may open the way, and report their sense thereon, to the Quarterly Meeting in the 3d month 1795. Deborah Davis and Charity Rotch are appointed to inspect the Minutes of this Meeting, and if neceſsary have them transcribed, and make returns to this Meeting when ready. We conclude & adjourn to Nantucket the 3d Day after the 4th 6th Day in the 6th month next. Elizabeth Gardner Clerk.

By the answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears, that the Meetings for Worship, & those for Discipline, are attended by most of the Members; a deficiency appears in attending midweek Meetings; the Hour generally observed; not clear of sleeping, mostly preserved from unbecoming Behaviour. — Love and Unity measurably subsists: tale bearing mostly discouraged: no open Differences. — Some Friends are careful to educate those under their care, agreeable to our profeſsion, restraining them from reading pernicious Books, and the corrupt Conversation of the World, and endeavour to be examplary herein themselves, while other are too remiſs in these important duties. The Holy Scriptures are audibly read in most friends Families. Clear of the unneceſsary use of spirituous Liquors, or frequenting places of publick resort, except in one instance where care is extended; a good degree of moderation preserved at births, Mariages and Burials. - The Circumstances of the Poor are inspected, and measurably relieved; one Child placed out from among Friends. Clear (except one instance, in which care is taken) of accompanying on account of Marriage without consent of Parents, or Guardians; disorderly Marriages mostly discouraged; no tryal of priests wages or military Matters, and clear as far as appears, of being concerned in property taken in War, of buying or Vending goods suspected to be run. Some friends are careful to inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts, a deficiency appears in regard to Wills, though some care is taken; publick Gifts applied to the use intended by the Donor. Our testimony against slavery appears to be maintained, and some endeavour to encourage those under their Care in Virtue; generally careful in performing Promises and paying just Debts, (except in one instance) or of launching into Buſineſs beyond their ability to manage in the truth. Some deficiencies appear in recording Births, & Deaths, a few instances respecting removal Certificates under notice, a care remains with friends to deal with offenders and place Judgement where it appears neceſsary, agreeable to our Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 1st of the 7th month 1794.

The Representatives for Sandwich are, Experience Shearman, Mary Davis and Mary Wing, for Pembroke Lydia Brown & Priscilla Ellis, for Nantucket Judith Huſsey, Phebe Huſsey, Sarah Barker and Anna Gardner; for Dartmouth Bethiah Ruſsell and Elizabeth Howland, for Acoaxet Sarah Sowl, Margaret Fiſh and Deborah Maccomber; for New Bedford Amy Green, Meribah Howland & Deborah Davis, who are all present except Sarah Barker and Phebe Huſsey, who, we are informed, are detained by indispostion. The time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed, the same is appointed to serve this time. One of the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, informs they all attended. Nantucket monthly Meeting informs, they have taken into consideration the division of their Monthly Meeting, which they refered for the approbation of this Meeting, if it should appear best; which being considered, is refered to the Quarterly Meeting to be held in the 10th month next. Received an Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting with transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New York, which were read to satisfaction, and the weighty counsel and advice therein contained is worthy the consideration of the Monthly Meetings, to which Coppies thereof are to be forwarded. This Meeting adjourns to the 3rd Hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment the Representatives being called are all present except Sarah Barker: received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings, from which the following summary is prepared.

Our Meetings for Worship and Discipline are attended by a Number, who observe the hour, but slackness appears in others especially on Week-days, not wholly clear of sleeping and going out of Meetings for Discipline. Some are concerned to maintain love & Unity, and to discourage tale bearing and evil reports, but a great deficiency appears in others; care is taken to end differences. Some Friends endeavour to educate those under their direction in plainness & endeavour to prevent them from reading pernicious Books, and the corrupt conversation of the World, and also to be good examples themselves, but all are not careful enough in these respects. The holy Scriptures are frequently read audibly in our Families. Friends are generally careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, & frequenting Taverns and places of publick resort, and a good degree of moderation is observed at Births, Marriages and Burials. Care is taken to provide for the Poor, and that their Children may partake of Learning; and Friends children are generally placed amongst Friends. – Friends mostly discountenance those under their care keeping company on account of marriage without their consent, and some are careful not to admit proposals of marriage without consent first obtained, most Friends discountenance disorderly Marriages. We have no trial in regard to priests Wages and military Matters, we know not but clear^d of being concerned in property taken in War; buying or vending goods suspected to be Run; or making false entries to evade the payment of Duties. Friends are mostly careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts: all Friends have not Wills; publick Gifts and Legacies are applied to the use intended by the Donor. A care rests with friends to maintain our testimony against Slavery, and to have them encouraged in virtue, who have been held therein: and we believe most are careful to perform their promises, and pay their Debts, and not to launch into business beyond their ability to manage; marriages are all recorded, & care is taken that Births and Deaths be recorded, and that friends may not remove or come amongst us without Certificates. A concern subsists among friends to deal with offenders, and place Judgment where it appears necessary, according to our Discipline. It is the conclusion of our Yearly Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting usually held at Dartmouth in the 10th month, be held at New Bedford for the Year ensuing. The appointment of a Clerk is refered to the next Quarterly Meeting. This Meeting concludes and adjourns to New Bedford the 1st 6th day in the 10th month next.

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Elizabeth Gardner Clerk for this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 3d of the 10th month 1794.

The Representatives for Sandwich, are Phebe Wing, Hepzibah Wing 2d and Sarah Wing, Pembroke Anna Keen, Elizabeth Rogers and Deborah Rogers, Nantucket, Elizabeth Gardner, Phebe Parker,

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Anna Gardner and Merab Bunker, Dartmouth Elizabeth Slocum, Rhoda Tucker and Sarah Gifford, Acoaxet Peace Lanton, Judith Gifford and Patience Austin 2d, New Bedford Anna Hazard, Elizabeth Rotch, Elizabeth Shepherd and Patience Austin, who being called are all present, except Patience Austin 2d; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings, which were read. Charity Rotch is appointed Clerk for the Year ensuing. Our beloved friend Martha Routh attended this Meeting, and produced a Certificate from the monthly Meeting of Hardshaw held at Warrington, in the County of Lancaster, Great Britain, the 8th of the 4th month 1794; also concurring Certificates from the Quarterly Meeting of Men and Women Friends, for Lancashire, held at Lancaster the 15th of the 4th month 1794, and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 17th of the 5th month 1794, recommending her as a Minister in good esteem, expreſsive of their tender Sympathy, & Unity with her concern to visit friends and others on this Continent, as truth may open the way, which was read to our satisfaction, her service & Gospel Labour, being truly acceptable & edifying to us. By a report from the Committee of Men Friends respecting the division of Nantucket monthly Meeting, it appears, that it is their Judgment, that the division should take place agreeable to the proposition of said Meeting, which Report is accepted. The Busineſs being accomplished, we conclude & adjourn to New Bedford in the 12th month next

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Charity Rotch Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 17th of the 12th month 1794.

Accounts were received from the several monthly Meetings by which, it appears that the following Friends were appointed Representatives, for Sandwich Mary Lake, Elizabeth Wing and Rest Bowerman; Pembroke Abigail Keen and Lydia Brown, Nantucket Elizabeth Barker 2d and Judith Macy, Dartmouth Mercy Slocum, Mary Tucker and Elizabeth Trip, Acoaxet Patience Potter and Rachel Baker, New Bedford Zerviah Smith, Deborah Davis and Rebecca Ricketson; Nantucket for the Northern District Merab Spooner and Rebecca Folger; who being called are all present except Merab Spooner and Rebecca Folger, who were prevented attending by indisposition. The Queries, & Answers from each monthly Meeting were read, by which we observe with sorrow the continuance of many Deviations, as the following Summary will evince.

By accounts from the several monthly Meetings, it appears that all our Meetings have been kept up, but general slackneſs of attendance appears, particularly of Midweek Meetings, the Hour mostly observed, & Friends are measurably preserved from sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour therein. A good degree of Love and Unity subsists, but not so general as truth requires; Tale bearing Is discouraged, where differences arise, labour is extended; it appears there are in each Meeting, some concerned to educate those under their direction in plainneſs, and to restrain them from every hurtful thing, and such endeavour to be examplary themselves, but others are not enough engaged on these accounts: the scriptures are read audibly in most families; Friends are generally careful in the use of spirituous liquors and frequenting Taverns; not all clear of attending Places of publick resort. Moderation is observed at Births, Marriages and Burials. Care is taken of the Poor: none placed from among friends. Friends generally discountenance those under their care accompanying on account of marriage without their consent, although it appears there are some in most Meetings who are keeping company with such as are not of our Society. Clear as to the 7th Query. Not altogether clear respecting Wills; our testimony against Slavery is measurably maintained: mostly clear in performing promises and paying just Debts. Care is taken in recording; clear as to Certificates. A concern rests on the minds of some friends to deal with Offenders in the authority of Truth. Some pertinent and tender remarks have been made thereon, which we desire may tend to the advancement of truth. Our beloved friend Rebecca Wright, attended this Meeting and produced a Certificate, which was read, from the Monthly Meeting of Upper Springfield in New-Jersey, the 5th of the 11th month 1794. expreſsive of their unity and sympathy with her, in her religious concern to visit some of the Meetings in this, and New-York State, as truth may open the way, she being a Minister well approved: her Company & Gospel Labours being truly salutary to many minds present. A printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London, held in the 5th month last, containing weighty and seasonable counsel, was read to our satisfaction. This Meeting having been measurably favour'd, with a renewed extension of divine regard; under the influence whereof, the busineſs has been conducted in Love and sisterly freedom, and it now being accomplished, we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by Charity Rotch Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 27th of the 3d month 1795; A severe snow storm having prevented friends attending at this Time; we adjourn to Tomorrow at the 10th Hour.

3d month 28th. Met by adjournment; the Representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Swift and Phebe Wing, Pembroke Sarah Otis and Abigail Rogers, Nantucket Anna Gardner and Lydia Rotch, Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Sarah Howland and Bethiah Ruſsell, Acoaxet Patience Potter, New Bedford Patience Austin, Rhoda Howland and Deborah Davis, Nantucket northern District, Elizabeth Gardner and Sarah Barney; divers of whom are prevented attending, by the unusual inclemency of the Weather; the Clerk being absent Elizabeth Gardner is appointed for this Time; received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly Meetings which were read, and general answers collected therefrom with an account to our next yearly Meeting were read, approved and signed by the Clerk, and are to be forwarded by our Representatives to said Meeting, who are Patience Austin, Hepzibah Wing, Elizabeth Wing and Lydia Rotch; a Certificate on behalf of our beloved Friend Rebecca Wright directed to the Monthly

Meeting of Upper Springfield New Jersey, was read approved and signed by the Clerk; we were again favoured with the Company of our beloved friend Martha Routh, whose services have been truly acceptable to minds present. The committee appointed in the 3d month last, to visit Pembroke monthly meeting made the following report: agreeable to appointment of the Quarterly Meeting in the 3d month last, we have visited Pembroke monthly meeting, and part of the Committee have also visited most of the individual Families belonging thereto and after solidly considering the state of that Meeting, have to report, that we have found their number small, & although we are not united in opinion, that it is best for the monthly meeting to be discontinued, we nevertheless believe there is a great want of that living zeal among friends there, that appear to us essentially necessary for the right exercise of the Discipline of the Church.

Rhoda Tucker; John Russell
Sandwich 3 mo 26th 1795. Ruth Davis, Benjamin Taber
Charity Rotch, Stephen Buffington
Peter Pollard. William Rotch Junr

Which being considered, is continued under the care of the same Committee with the addition, of Abigail Wing, Sarah Wing and Phebe Wing; who are desired to sit with them in their Meetings and labour to be helpful to them as truth may open the way, and report their sense of their situation in the 3d month next. This meeting adjourns to Nantucket in the 6th month next.

Elizabeth Gardner Clerk for this time

From our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 28th of the 3d month 1794.

To the yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held at Rhode Island in the 6th month next.

Dear friends,

After a Salutation of Love we inform, that we received your affectionate Epistle of the last year with Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & Newyork, which were acceptable and read to our Satisfaction. We are at this time favoured with the Company of our beloved friends John Wigham and Martha Routh from Europe, as we were also in the 10th month last, likewise our esteemed friend Joseph Cloud, from North Carolina attended this Meeting, all of whose Company and services have been acceptable & edifying; for the state of Society among us, we refer you to the answers to the Queries herewith sent by our representatives, who are Patience Austin, Elizabeth Wing, Hepzibah Wing and Lydia Rotch. We remain your friends and Sisters.

Signed by order and on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Gardner Clerk for this time

Answer 1st Our Meetings for Worship and Discipline are duly attended by the greater part of our members, the hour generally observed, not altogether clear of sleeping: mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when met.

Answer 2d. Love and unity is measurably maintained, but not so fully as becomes our profession: tale bearing and evil reports not enough discouraged by all. When differences arise care is taken to end them.

Answer 3d. Some friends are careful to educate those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and to be good examples themselves, though many remain unconcerned on this account; mostly clear of pernicious Books. The scriptures are audibly read in friends families.

Answer 4th. Mostly clear of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors: frequenting Taverns and Places of public resort, and a good degree of moderation is observed at Births, marriages and Burials.

Answer 5th. The necessities of the poor are inspected and they measurably relieved; some care is extended in the education of their children; none placed from amongst friends, except in one instance, which is under friends care

Answer 6th. Some friends endeavour to discharge their Duty towards those under their care, in regard to keeping company, or marrying without their consent, while remissness is apparent in others on that account, some instances of keeping company with those not of society, wherein care is taken: friends generally discountenance disorderly marriages.

Answer 7th. We have no trial in respect to priests wages and military matters: generally clear in the other part of this Query.

Answer 8th. Not altogether clear in making wills; the other particular

Answer 9th. There is a continued care to support our testimony against Slavery and to encourage in virtue, those who have been held therein.

Answer 10th. No complaint in either part of this Query, except in one instance wherein care is taken.

Answer 11th. Marriages are all recorded some neglect in Births and Deaths. Care is taken that friends may not remove from or come amongst us without Certificates.

Answer 12th. A care subsists amongst us to deal regularly with offenders, & place judgment where it appears necessary according to our discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich, the 30th of the 6th month 1795.

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Ruth Davis; none from Pembroke; for Nantucket Anna Macy, Merab Bunker and Elizabeth Wotton for Dartmouth Sarah Howland, Mercy Anthony, Jerusha Smith and Lydia Buffington; for Westport Patience Austin, Sarah Sowle and Abigail White; for New Bedford Deborah Davis, Rhoda Howland, Lydia Arthur and Charity Rotch; Nantucket for the northern District Lydia Mitchel and Sarah Barney 2d, who being called are all present except two, who were prevented attending by indisposition. The friends named at our last Quarter, to attend the Yearly Meeting, all performed that appointment, except Elizabeth Wing, who was prevented by indisposition. An epistle from

from our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, containing seasonable counsel, hath been read. It is recommended from the Yearly Meeting, in order to prevent the frequent disturbance of our Meetings, & the complaints in our answers to the Queries of the unneceſsary going out of meetings; that two friends be appointed to sit near the Door, to discourage as much as poſsible such Interruptions, which is complied with by this Meeting and Rebecca Folger and Mary Starbuck 2d are appointed to that place: the representatives present are desired to bear it mind, and recommend the pratice to their respective monthly meetings. We are informed from the mens meeting; that Nantucket monthly meeting have had it under their consideration to alter the time of holding that Meeting, which coming before us, we appoint Deborah Davis, Abigail White and Jerusha Smith, to unite with a committee of men friends & bring the result of their deliberations to the adjournment of this meeting. This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met agreeable to adjournment, the representatives present that were present in the forenoon except one, who is prevented by indisposition. Accounts were recieved from the several monthly meetings with answers to the Queries which were read, also a summary collected therefrom was read and approved, and is as follows.

By accounts received from the several monthly meetings, it appears that all our meetings have been kept up, though a shortneſs in attending is expreſsed in most of them, not clear of sleeping; generally clear of other unbecoming Behaviour; love and unity is measurably maintained, tale bearing &c not enough discouraged by all. No open differences amongst us. Some friends are careful to educate their Children in plainneſs, tho' a deficiency in this important duty is apparent in most meetings. Not altogether clear of pernicious Books or unprofitable conversation no deficiency appears in the 6th answer. Care is extended towards the poor: some instances in most meetings of accompanying on account of marriage, with those not of our Society, on which account care is expreſsed to be taken. Clear as to the 7th Query; not quite clear in regard to making Wills. No complaint as to the 9th or 10th query care is taken of recording and Certificates. There appears to be some in each meeting concerned to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekneſs agreeable to our Discipline.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends, held in London, Philadelphia and New York, containing many weighty and seasonable advices, hath been read to our satisfaction. The friends appointed in the 3d month 1794, to collect all the minutes of this Quarterly Meeting, & if neceſsary, to have them recorded: report they have attended to that Service & had all recorded that came to their Hands; though there are still a number miſsing. Transcripts of the above mentioned Epistles are prepared and directed to be sent to the several monthly meetings which compose this. The friends appointed to unite with a committee of men friends, to

consider the proposition of Nantucket monthly meeting, make the following report. Agreeable to appointment, we have met and considered the propostion of Nantucket monthly meeting, opened to us by their Representatives; and are of opinion, there may be a use in an alteration, and unite in proposing to the Quarterly Meeting that, that monthly meeting in future be held on the 5th day of the Week succeeding the last second day in each month, except that which would fall in the week of the Quarterly Meeting in the sixth month, which we think best to be held the 5th day before the last 2d Day. Which we however submit to the Quarterly Meeting.
Signed in behalf of the Committee by,

Benjamin Taber
Deborah Davis

Which is accepted. It is concluded by the yearly Meeting, that the Quarterly Meeting in the 10th month, be held for the future at New Bedford. The busineſs of this meeting being accomplished we adjourn to New Bedford in the 10th month next.

Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by Charity Rotch Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 2d of the 10th month 1795.

The friends appointed to attend this meeting, are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Abigail Wing; for Pembroke Deborah Rogers and Abigail Keen; Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Mercy Tucker & Lucy Howland; Nantucket Lois Macy, Elizabeth Brown and Hepzibah Coffin; Acoaxet Susannah Ruſsell, Patience Trip and Mehitable Chase; New Bedford Amy Green, Mary Howland & Patience Austin; Nantucket for the northen District Merab Spooner and Elizabeth Gardner 2d: all present except Mary Tucker who was prevented attending by indisposition. The advice recommended by the quarterly Meeting last, to prevent the frequent Disturbances of Meetings hath been generally considered and complied with by the monthly meetings, and the Representatives are again desired to continue their care, that such interruptions may be effectually discouraged. Accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings were recieved and read, and summary collected therefrom hath been read and approved and is as followeth.

Our Meetings are generally attended altho' a slackneſs appears in some on midweek meetings, the hour is pretty well observed; not wholly clear of sleeping, wherein care is taken: clear of unbecoming behaviour when met. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained among us, but not in so general a manner as truth requires: talebearing and backbiting measurably discouraged; no open Differences have appeared since last Quarter. There is a number who are careful to bring up those under their care in plainneſs, while others appear remiſs therein; we know not but clear of pernicious Books, not wholly clear of corrupt Conversation: the Scriptures are generally read in friends families. Careful in the use of spirituous Liquors: clear of publick resort: moderation appears at Births, Marriages and Burials. Care is taken respecting the Poor; none placed out except one instance which is under notice. We believe parents and guardians are generally careful in respect to company keeping, yet fear all are not so careful of first obtaining Consent, not all clear of disorderly company keeping wherein care is taken. Priests wages and military matters not tried with: the other part clear as far as appears. We believe friends are careful in settling their accounts, not clear as to Wills wherein care is taken: none held in Slavery & those who have them under their care that have been held therein endeavour to encourage them in virtue. We do not find but friends are careful in performing their promises & paying just Debts.*

* Care is taken in recording, not clear as to certificates, wherein care is taken.
It is the concern of a remnant to deal impartially with offenders, & that judgment should be placed where it appears necessary.

It is the conclusion of this meeting, that all the old minutes and useless papers in the possession of the friends appointed to have the care of of transcribing them, be destroyed by them. And it is recommended that Sandwich monthly meeting have all their minutes extracted from a Book that contains part of the minutes of this meeting, that they may also be destroyed, and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to that meeting. The year having expired for which the Clerk was appointed, and it appearing the mind of friends, she is continued in that service another Year. A proposal from Sandwich monthly meeting respecting adding Long Plain preparative meeting to New Bedford monthly meeting, hath been read, considered and united with. The Business being accomplished, we adjourn to New Bedford in the 12th month next. Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 11th of the 12th month 1795. The friends appointed to attend this meeting are, for Sandwich, Hannah Dillingham, Sarah Gifford and Elizabeth Swift; Pembroke, Abigail Keen and Anna Rogers; Nantucket, Phebe Parker and Dorcas Gardner; Dartmouth, Martha Smith, Lydia Buffington, Ruth Gifford, Elizabeth Tripp and Bethiah Russell; Westport Patience Potter, Patience Austin and Susannah Macumber; New Bedford Charity Rotch, Mary Howland and Ruth Davis; Nantucket for the northern District Elizabeth Gardner; all present except Bethiah Russell. Accounts with answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings were received and read; and a summary collected therefrom hath been read, and there appearing no material difference in the state of Society, since our last, friends are refered to that, for the particulars thereof. The account from New Bedford monthly meeting informs, that agreeable to the conclusion of last Quarterly Meeting, Long Plain preparative meeting had been added thereto, and now constitutes a part of that monthly meeting. An endorsement upon a certificate from Dartmouth monthly meeting, for our beloved friend Stephen Buffington, directed to the monthly meeting of friends at Hoosack, Saratoga &

the Vine Partners, expressive of our sympathy with him and unity with his concern to pay a religious Visit in these parts, he being a minister well approved: hath been read, approved and signed by the Clerks of both meetings. The Business of this meeting being accomplished, we adjourn to Sandwich in the 3d month next.
Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by
Charity Rotch Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 25th of the 3d month 1796.

The friends appointed to attend this meeting, are for Sandwich, Elizabeth Swift, Chloe Swift and Hepzibah Wing; for Pembroke, Deborah Rogers and Abigail Rogers; for Nantucket, Anna Gardner and Elizabeth Brown; Dartmouth Sarah Howland, Mary Tucker, Bethia Russell and Race Wing; Acoaxet, Patience Austin and Jemima Wing; New Bedford, Mary Howland, Deborah Davis and Desire Taber; Nantucket northern District, Mary Coleman and Lydia Worth: all present except Mary Coleman, Mary Tucker and Bethia Russell, two of whom sent satisfactory excuses for not attending.

Accounts were recieved with answers to the Queries from the several monthly meetings hereto belonging; from which general answers have been collected and with an account to our next Yearly meeting, have been read, approved and signed by the Clerk. Our friends Anna Gardner, Deborah Davis, Patience Austin 2d and Deborah Rogers, are appointed to attend our next Yearly Meeting. We are informed by the account from Acoaxet monthly meeting, that they have approved of the appointment of Patience Austin 2d to the station of an Elder; which after being weightily considered, received the concurrence of this and the men's meeting, and Anna Gardner is desired to inform the select meeting thereof. The committee appointed in the third month last, to visit Pembroke monthly meeting, report, that they have mostly attended to that service, and notwithstanding weakness appears amongst them, yet there is a comfortable hope that some advancement is manifest, toward bringing things to right order, and are unanimously of the judgment that it is best, that monthly meeting should be continued; which after duly considering is united with by this and the men's meeting.

The following proposition of the times of holding Sandwich monthly meeting, presented to us from the men's meeting hath been approved, Viz.t at Sandwich in the 1st 3d 4th 6th 8th 10th and 12th months; at Falmouth in the 2d 5th 7th 9th and 11th months, all to be held the first sixth day in each month, except that in the 7th month, to be held the 6th day succeeding the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket, and those in 10th and 12th months to be held the third day preceding the Quarterly Meetings in said month

A memorial concerning our esteemed friend Anna Allen deceased, from Sandwich monthly meeting; bearing testimony to her pious life, bright example, and peaceful close; hath been read and approved, and is to be forwarded by the representatives to the next yearly meeting, for their approbation. The business being accomplished, we adjourn to Nantucket in the 6th month next.
Signed in ~~Ion~~ behalf of said meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk.

From our Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich the 25th of the 5th month 1796. To the Yearly Meeting of women friends, ~~to be held at Rhode Island~~ in the 6th month next.

Dear friends.

In a degree of that love which unites the living members of one body; we affectionately salute you & inform; your last acceptable Epistle was received, and with Transcripts of those from London, Philadelphia & New York, were handed down to our several monthly meetings; also the advice conveyed to us by the representatives, respecting the too frequent interruptions of our meetings; hath been adopted by most of them, and we believe an attention thereto will be productive of good order: A testimony concerning our esteemed deceased Friend Anna Allen from Sandwich monthly meeting, hath been read and approved, and is forwarded for your Concurrence. We have also approved of the appointment of Patience Austin 2d to the station of an Elder: Our beloved friends Deborah Darby and Rebecca Young, have made a general Visit in this Quarter, since our last yearly meeting; whose gospel labours as well as those in the discipline of the church, have been truly consolatory and refreshing to us.

We herewith send our answers to the Queries, to which we refer, for the state of our meeting, by our Representatives, who are Anna Gardner, Deborah Davis, Patience Austin 2d and Deborah Rogers. We again salute you and are your friends and Sisters.
Signed in and on behalf of said meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk.

Answer 1st. Meetings for Worship and Discipline are attended by the greater part of our members, the hour generally observed; measurably preserved from sleeping, and other unbecoming Behaviour.

Answer 2d. A good degree of Love and Unity is maintained amongst us, though not so fully as becomes our profession. Talebearing and evil reports somewhat discouraged no open differences have come to our knowledge.

Answer 3d A considerable number endeavour to educate those under their care in plainneſs, agreeable to this Query, and to restrain them from every hurtful thing and to be examplary herein themselves; others appear too negligent in this important duty. The ſcriptures are audibly read in most friends families.

Answer 4th Clear in each part of this query as far as appears.

Answer 5th Care is taken to relieve the neceſsities of the poor, and to provide for the instruction of their Children, none placed from among Friends.

Answer 6th Friends mostly discountenance those under their care accompanying on account of marriage without their consent. some instances of disorderly company keeping, which are under notice. Disorderly marriages generally discouraged.

Answer 7th We have no trial in either part of this Query.

Answer 8th Not all clear in regard to Wills. No Gifts or Legacies come under our notice.

Answer 9th Our testimony against Slavery is measurably maintained, and those encouraged in virtue that have been held therein

Answer 10th Mostly careful to perform promises and pay just debts. The other part clear.

Answer 11th Careful in recording. Not clear as to Certificates, but care is taken.

Answer 12th A concern remains with some friends to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekneſs, and to place judgment where it appears neceſsary, according to Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 28th of the 6th month 1796.

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are, for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing, Mehitable Kelley and Mary Lake; for Pembroke, Abigail Rogers and Abigail Keen; for Nantucket Elizabeth Barker, Margaret Swain, Ruth Gardner and Lydia Huſsey; for Dartmouth, Mercy Anthony, Martha Smith, Elizabeth Tripp and Mary Smith; for Westport, Sarah Soule, Susannah Ruſsell and Meribah Chace, and for New Bedford, Eunice Tucker, Mary Howland and Experience Shearman, who are all present except one. The Clerk being absent, Elizabeth Rodman is appointed for this time. The friends appointed attended the Yearly Meeting, except Deborah Rogers, who, we are informed was prevented by Indisposition.

Our beloved Friend Hannah Barnard attended this Meeting with a Copy of a minute from Hudson Monthly Meeting, dated 4th month 24th 1796, expreſsive of their Unity with her Ministry and intended religious Visit, which was read to Satisfaction; her company and Services have bee truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Varney also attended this Meeting with a Copy of a Minute from Dover Monthly Meeting expressive of their Liberty to accomplish her visit as way might open, which was read to satisfaction; her Company and Services have been acceptable to us.

An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Newport, and Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings, containing much seasonable advice, were read to our satisfaction, which are again transcribed for the several monthly Meetings hereto belonging. This meeting adjourns to the 3rd hour.

Met by adjournment. The Representatives present that attended the first meeting, except Deborah Hussey.

We have received accounts from the several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries which were read, & from which a Summary has been collected and is as follows.

It appears from the answers that all our Meetings have been attended except some at little Compton, the Hour is generally observed, mostly preserved from unbecoming Behaviour when met. Love and Unity is measurably maintained. Talebearing and evil reports, not enough discouraged by all. Where differences have arisen care hath been taken to end them. There are some among us engaged for the right Education of Children, to guard them from every hurtful thing, that the Testimony may be preserved in its various Branches. The Scriptures are read, in most Families. We believe careful in each part of the fourth Query. Care is extended to relieve the necessities of the Poor: none placed from amongst Friends. Disorderly Marriages are generally discountenanced. Some instances of disorderly company keeping, which are under notice. Clear in each part of the seventh Query. Some neglect in settling accounts and making Wills; No Gifts or Legacies misapplied. Clear of holding Mankind in Slavery. Careful in performing promises. Marriages are recorded. Some neglect on account of Births, Deaths and Burials. Not clear as to Certificates. Care is taken to deal with Offenders and place judgement where it appears necessary according to Discipline.

The Friend appointed to inform the Select Yearly Meeting of Patience Austin's being appointed to the Station of an Elder, reports her having done it. The business being accomplished this meeting concludes to meet if permitted, at New Bedford in the 10th month next.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by } Elizabeth Rodman Clerk this time.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 7th of the 10th month 1796.

The friends appointed to attend this meeting are, for Sandwich, Sarah Gifford, Elizabeth Wing and Phebe Wing; for Pembroke, Lydia Brown and Sarah Otis; Nantucket, Sarah Barker, Merab Bunker and Dorcas Gardner; Dartmouth, Mary Smith and Elizabeth Tripp; Westport, Abigail Kerie, Esther Chase and Patience Potter; New Bedford, Meribah Howland, Kezia Russell, Elizabeth Rotch jun^r and Desire Tabor; Nantucket Northern District, Elizabeth Gardner 2d, Mary Coleman and Lydia Macy.

The Year having expired for which the Clerk was appointed: Elizabeth Rotch jun^r is appointed for this time.

The Representatives are all present, Except two, who are prevented by indisposition. We have received accounts from the several monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2d and 12th Queries (agreeable to the direction of our last Yearly Meeting) which with a summary collected therefrom were read and approved, and is as follows,

By the reports from the several monthly Meetings, it appears, that our Meetings are pretty well attended except on Week Days and Care is taken to guard against Drowsiness. love and Unity are not so fully maintained as becomes our Profession. Talebearing &c not enough discouraged, to open differences amongst us. Care is taken to deal with Offenders & place Judgement where it appears necessary, according to Discipline.

The business being accomplished, we conclude, to meet again (by divine Permission) at New Bedford in the 12th month next.

Signed in and on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Rotch J^r Clerk this time.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 9th of the 12th month 1796.

The friends appointed to attend this meeting are for Sandwich, Phebe Wing and Beulah Wing; Pembroke, Abigail Rogers; Nantucket, Phebe Parker and Judith Macy; Dartmouth, Elizabeth Howland, Rebecca Smith and Deborah Howland; Westport Patience Austin 2d and Abigail White; New Bedford Deborah Davis, Ruth Davis and Rhoda Howland; Nantucket Northern District, Merab Spooner and Sarah Barney 2d, are all present except two, for one of whom a satisfactory reason hath been offered.

Charity Rotch is appointed Clerk for the Year ensuing.

The Queries have been read and solidly considered: some pertinent and lively remarks having been made thereon, in order to awaken, the minds of Friends, particularly Parents to a sense of the important Charge with which they are entrusted. Accounts were received from the several monthly meetings, with answers to the 1st 9th and 12th Queries. from which a summary was collected and hath been read: and after a serious Deliberation, it is the judgement of the meeting that it is unnecessary it should be recorded, it being similar to that in the 10th month last; and it also appears to be the mind of Friends that for the future they be discontinued until a revival of them may be considered useful.

We are informed from the Monthly Meeting that Sandwich Monthly Meeting proposes the appointment of Paul Wing to the station of an Elder: which is approved. A Certificate for our beloved friend Stephen Buffington, from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, directed to Friends at Oblong, Nine Partners and some of the Northern settlements within the compass of New York Yearly Meeting, as Truth may open the way, hath been read, and after a solemn Pause feelingly united with. Also an endorsement for said Certificate, hath been read approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk.

The Deficiences apparent in the Answers to the Queries in divers instances, particularly the neglect of attending our religious meetings, having been revived and spread with such weight, as to engage the minds of friends, solidly to endeavour after some remedy, it being sorrowfully evident, that where there is not concern enough individually felt, to engage friends to attend all our Meetings in a solid becoming manner; there can be very little of the real ground work of Religion and Piety in their minds: feeling desirous therefore, to prevent further complaints of this kind, the Clerk is directed to send copies of this minute to the several monthly meetings: and those who have been heretofore deficient, in this and other important Duties, are intreated to feel after a Qualification in themselves, and more fully to attend to the measure of that Spirit with which we are favoured and which will enable us to walk measurably consistent with our profession, & the Representatives are desired to enforce the advice herein contained, and when favoured with ability, suitably to hand a word of counsel to such as may be of this number.

The Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by divine permission at Sandwich in the third month next.

Signed in and on behalf
of said Meeting by } Charity Rotch Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich for Sandwich the 21st of the 3rd Month 1797

The Representatives appointed to attend this Meeting for Sandwich are Abigail Wing Phebe Wing and Elizabeth Gifford, Pembroke Lydia Brown & Abigail Rogers Nantucket, Anna Gardner & Lydia Swifsey Dartmouth, Lucy Howland Anna Edy & Sarah Swan Westport Sarah Tucker Patience Austin & Jemima Wing New Bedford Deborah Davis Sarah Russell & Mary Howland Nantucket Northern District Elizth Gardner Judith Lawrence & Mary Joy, all present.

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent Mary Howland is appointed for this time.

We have received Accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings by which we are informed they received Copies of the Minute from our last Quarterly Meeting, respecting the deficiences in the answers to the Queries and the advice therein contained was seasonable and well accepted.

The Queries have been read and a general Answer collected which with an account to the Yearly Meeting have been read approved and signed by the Clerk and are to be forwarded by our Representatives who are Anna Gardner, Deborah Davis Patience Austin Elizabeth Gardner Mary Howland Lydia Brown & Lydia [illegible] they to make report at our next Quarterly Meeting

We are informed from the Mens Meeting that Westport and New Bedford Monthly Meetings propose the appointment of Jeremiah Austin Junr & Willm Rotch Junr to the Station of Elders which is approved

And that they propose an alteration respecting holding the Quarterly Meetings viz: that the Quarterly Meeting in the third Month be held at New Bedford and that in the Tenth Month at Sandwich, which is united with in this Meeting the Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permission at Nantucket in the 4 month next

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by
Mary Howland Clerk this time

At a Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 27th of the 4 Month 1797

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Abigail Wing 2nd Chloe Gifford and Dorcas Hoxie.. Pembroke Abigail Jones. Dartmouth Mary Tucker Rhoda Tucker & Bethia Russell. Nantucket Margaret Swain Phebe Hussey Ruth Gardner & Sarah Barker Westport Sarah Soule Lydia Macumber. New Bedford Patience Austin Rebecca Ricketson, & Lydia Bunker

Nantucket Northern District Mary Coffin Judith Macey & Elizabeth Barker Junr.

All present except Rebecca Ricketson; who was prevented attending by Indisposition —

Accounts were received with answers to the 1st. 2nd & 12th Queries; which have been read whereupon lively and pertinent Counsel hath been extended, tending to strengthen the hands of Mothers, to a more faithful discharge of the important trust wherewith they are entrusted by exercising timely care & early restraining the

Evil propensities of their Children which we desire may be profitably remembered

Our Beloved Friend Charity Cook attended this Meeting & produced a Certificate from the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings of Friends at Bush River, and one from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders in South Carolina manifesting their unity with her as a Minister and in her present Concern to visit a part of this Continent Also her Companion Lydia Hoskins produced a Certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Burlington manifesting their unity with her as a Minister and in her Concern to accompany the above Friend in her Religious Visit to this Land — — their Company and Gospel Labours being truly acceptable to us —

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th Hour this afternoon

Met by adjournment the representatives all present except Elizabeth Barker Junr

An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting; with transcripts of those received from London Philadelphia & New York containing seasonable and weighty Counsel have been read transcripts whereof are prepared & are to be forwarded by the Representatives to their respective Monthly Meetings, the Friends appointed report they all attended the Yearly Meeting

Extracts from the Minutes of the Mens Yearly Meeting respecting an alteration in the times of holding the yearly Meeting & the place of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting were read and is as follows —

That the yearly Meeting begin with a Meeting for Ministers and Elders at Portsmouth on Rhode Island the seventh Day after the second sixth Day in the sixth Month; at the ninth Hour in the Morning and the publick Meetings to begin on First Day following; both at Newport & Portsmouth; at the 10th Hour in the Morning, and at the fourth Hour in the afternoon — The Meeting for Business to begin at Newport at the ninth Hour on second Day Morning following

Salem Quarterly Meeting to be held on fourth Day after the first sixth Day in the 6th Month at Salem.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting to be held at Falmouth on the 5th Day before the first sixth Day in the sixth Month & the Select Meetings on the Day before as usual —

The Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permission agreeable to the above conclusion at Sandwich in the 10th Month next

Signed on behalf of this Meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 1st of the 10mo. 1797 The Clerk being absent Phebe Wing is appointed Clerk for the Day. —

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Phebe Wing & Lydia Harrington, for Pembroke, Elizabeth Rogers & Abigail Keen, for Nantucket Judith Coffin Mary Coke & Phebe Barker for Dartmouth Mercy Slocum, Mary Tucker & Jedidah Mosher Westport Abigail Hoxie and Patience Austin 2nd for Bedford Patience Austin Sarah Wing & Rhoda Howland Nantucket Northern District Lydia Mitchel, Sarah Barney 2nd and Elizabeth Mitchel; all present except one, who was prevented attending by indisposition —

Accounts were received, with answers to the first, second & twelfth Queries; from the several Monthly Meetings that compose this; by which it appears that there is a neglect in the important Duty of attending our Religious Meetings whereupon some Remarks have been made in order to stir up the negligent to more dilig

The Business being accomplished, we conclude to meet again if permitted, at New Bedford in the 10th Month next

Signed on behalf of said Meeting by

Phebe Wing Clerk for the Da

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 8th of the 10th Month 1797 —

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Rest Bowerman Phebe Wing & Elizabeth Gifford Pembroke Abigail Rogers; Nantucket Dinah Bunker & Dorcas Gardner. Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker & Mary Smith. Westport Jemima Wing, Sarah Baker, & Eunice Wilbor; New Bedford Elizabeth Rotch Ruth Davis & Meribah Howland. Nantucket Southern District Elizabeth Mitchel & Phebe Hay; all present except Elizabeth Mitchel who was prevented attending by indisposition —

The year having expired for which the Clerk was appointed, Charity Rotch is appointed for the year ensuing

Accounts were received from our several Monthly Meetings with answers to the first second & Twelfth Queries by which there appears a great shortness in divers instances and the state of Society lamentably low; several instructive remarks being expressed thereon, we ardently desire that Friends may be aroused to diligence in their respective Meetings, & in an individual capacity that the complaints of slackness in attendance of Meetings giving way to drowsiness therein; & a neglect in discouraging Tale Bearing & Evil Reports, may be no longer necessary

Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern District informs that they have approved of the appointment of Lydia Mitchel to the station of an Elder with which this Meeting unites, having the concurrence of the Men

A Certificate for our beloved Friend Nathan Allen Smith directed to the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia for the northern District expressive of his Company & services being acceptable hath been read approved & signed by the Clerks of both Meetings —

The Business being accomplished, we conclude to meet again, if permitted at New Bedford in the 3rd Month next —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 23rd of 3 mo. 1798

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing, Phebe Wing and Hepzibah Wing Jr. Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers & Abigail Rogers Nantucket Elizabeth Heath, Mary Lake and Sarah Barker, Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker & Sarah Howland, Acoaxet Sarah Baker & Patience Austin New Bedford

Reliance Howland, Sarah Wing & Rebecca Nicholson
Nantucket for the Southern District Lydia Mitchel
Rebecca Folger & Elizabeth Gardner all present except
Phebe Wing ——

Accounts were received from our several Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries from which a general answer hath been collected with an account to our next Yearly Meeting have been read approved & Signed by the Clerk and are to be forwarded by our Representatives who are Mercy Slocum Sarah Barker, Elizabeth Rodman, Lydia Rotch & Rebecca Folger; they to report to our next Quarterly Meeting —— The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted at Nantucket in the Sixth Month next ——

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by
Charity Rotch Clerk

From our Quarterly Meeting held at New Bedford
the 23rd of the 3rd mo 1798 —
To the next Yearly Meeting to be held on Rhode Island ——

Dear Sisters

We hereby inform that we have collected answers to the Queries from those sent by our respective Monthly Meetings that will in some measure convey the state thereof which we may indeed acknowledge is far short of what might be expected from a part of the Vineyard so frequently watered

Your acceptable Epistle; with transcripts from those of London Philadelphia & New York were read amongst us to the comfort and encouragement of the honest hearted. We were favoured with the Company of our beloved friend Charity Cook with her Companion Lydia Hoskins in the course of their Gospel service last year; whose labours of Love were acceptable & edifying

We have also united with the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the northern District in the appointment of Lydia Mitchel to the station of an Elder. We appoint our Friends Mercy Slocum, Sarah Barker Elizabeth Rodman Lydia Rotch & Rebecca Folger to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting and are your Friends & Sisters ——

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by
Charity Rotch Clerk.

Answer 1st Our Religious Meetings are all attended except in a few instances where Friends were prevented by the inclemency of the weather the hour generally observed, mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour altho' deficiencies appear in each part

2nd We believe there is a number in each Meeting who are concerned to maintain Love & unity and to discourage tale bearing & Evil reports but deficiencies are apparent in most of our Meetings where differences arise endeavours are used to end them —

3rd It appears there is a remnant in each of our Meetings who are engaged to bring up those under their direction in plainness to guard them from reading pernicious Books & the corrupt conversation of the

World, and to be good examples themselves, but negligence appears in many in these important duties the Scriptures generally read audibly in Friends Families

4th. Generally clear of partaking too freely of spirituous Liquors unnecessarily frequenting taverns, places of publick resort, a good degree of moderation is observed at Births Marriages and Burials ——

5th. Care is taken to assist and relieve the poor and that their Children may partake of learning we know of none placed out from among Friends ——

6th. Many Friends discountenance those under their care accompanying on account of Marriage without their consent, a few instances of keeping company with those not of our Society on which account labour is bestowed all are not careful enough to discountenance disorderly Marriages

7th. Clear as far as appears

8th. Some deficiency appears in making Wills, no gifts or Legacies come under our notice ——

9th. We believe Friends endeavour to encourage in virtue those of that description under their care

10th. No deficiency appears in either part of this Query

11th. Generally careful in receiving, & on account of Certificates

12th. There remains a concern amongst us for the regular dealing with offenders, and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to our Discipline ——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at ~~New Bedford~~ Nantucket the 26th of 6th mo. 1798

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich, Elizabeth Swift, Chloe Swift, & Elizabeth Gifford, for Pembroke, Deborah Rogers. Nantucket Ruth Gardner, Sarah Barker, Mary Lake & Judith Macy, for Dartmouth, Rhoda Tucker, Mehitable Slocum, Sarah Wood & Mary Wing, for Acoaxet Susanna Cornall, Jemima Wing & Rebecca Tripp, for New Bedford, Rhoda Howland and Deborah Davis, Nantucket for the nothern District Mary Coffin, Merab Spooner & Rachel Swain, all present

The friends appointed attended the Yearly Meeting except one who was prevented by Indisposition

Accounts were received with answers to the first, second & Twelfth queries by which it appears that our Meetings have been attended by a number tho' there is yet sorrowful cause of complaints in regard to the slackness of many in this respect, and not being sufficiently guarded against giving way to a drowsy disposition, Love & unity is measurably maintained Tale bearing & evil reports some what tho' not sufficiently discouraged, some amongst us are concerned for the regular dealing with offenders & to place Judgment where it appears necessary according to Discipline

Our beloved friend Mary Prior attended this Meeting & produced Certificates from the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings to which she belongtheth also one from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London manifesting their unity with her as a minister and in her present concern to visit a part of this Continent as the pointings of Truth may direct. Her companion Elizabeth Foulk produces a copy of a minute from Philadelphia, Monthly Meeting manifesting their unity with her as a ministers and in her present concern

Their Company & Gospel services having been acceptable and edifying —

Our beloved friend Mehitable Jenkins attended this Meeting & produced a certificate from Berwick Monthly Meeting and a concurring one from their Quarterly Meeting held at Salem; manifesting their unity with with her as a Minister; & in her concern to visit divers of the Meetings within the compaſs of this, Newyork & Philadelphia Yearly Meetings — Her Companion Sarah Cartland, produced a satisfactory minute from Berwick Monthly Meeting their company & Services being also acceptable

This meeting adjourns to half past four this afternoon. — Met agreeable to adjournment, the Representatives present

A concern having revived in the Mens Meeting and spread before this, on account of the Many deficiencies apparent in our answers to the Queries, & being by some present feelingly united with, it is concluded to appoint a committee to unite with the Mens in visiting our Monthly & Preparative Meetings & endeavor to aſsist & advise them as way may open —

Our friends Dorcas Brown, Deborah Davis, Elizabeth Swift, Rhoda Tucker, Lydia Rotch & Charity Rotch, are appointed to that service —

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting and a transcript of one from Newyork have been read containing seasonable and salutary advices which with divers, other precious communications we hope will tend to arouse the negligent, and strengen the feeble minded

The Busineſs being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permiſsion at Sandwich in the 10th month next —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 5th day of the 10th mo. 1798

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich, Elizabeth Wing, Phebe Wing & Elizabeth Gifford. Pembroke, Alice Rogers & Abigail Keen. Nantucket Anna Gardner, Ruth Gardner, Mary Barker & Elizabeth Brown, Dartmouth Sarah Howland, Rhoda Tucker, Bethia Russell & Patience Potter, Westport, Patience Austin, Elizabeth Austin and Jemima Wing, New Bedford, Lydia Rotch, Ruth Davis, & Patience Austin, Nantucket for the northern District, Deborah Hussey, Merab Spooner & Sarah Jenkins, all present except three whose reasons were satisfactory.

Accounts were received with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 12th queries from the several Monthly Meetings which compose this, expressive of divers deficiencies and inattentions to the precious Testimonies we as a people are called to maintain - A Transcript of an Epistle from the womens Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia containing seasonable & salutary counsel, tending to the encouragement of the humble traveller, hath been read to satisfaction - A Certificate for our beloved friend Mehitable Jenkins, manifesting our unity with her Services amongst us, & one for her Companion Sarah Cartland, hath been read approved & Signed & directed to their respective Monthly Meetings, also one for our beloved friend Silas Downing, expressive of his Religious Services, & Gospel labours being acceptable to us, in his late visit, to most of the monthly & all the particular meetings in this quarter, directed to the Monthly Meeting of friends at Westbury hath been read approved & Signed by the Clerk

The Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permission at New Bedford in the 12 month next, Signed on Behalf of said Meeting by Charity Rotch Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 14th of 12th mo. 1798

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Phebe Wing & Elizabeth Swift, for Pembroke Tabitha Bailey, Dartmouth Lucy Howland, Rose Anthony & Elizabeth Giffin, Westport, Abigail White, Patience Potter & Esther Mosher, New Bedford Elizabeth Rodman & Anna Hazard, Nantucket for the northern District Judith Lawrence, & Deborah Brayton, divers friends above named are prevented from attending this Meeting by the difficulty of travelling — The choise of a Clerk is refer'd unto another Quarter, accounts were received with answers to the 1st, 2d & 11th queries from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging except Nantucket by which it appears that our Meetings are attended by a considerable number, Love & unity measurably maintained, & a concern remains with some Friends to deal with offenders and place Judgment according to Discipline tho' a slackness in divers instances is apparent amongst us

We are informed from New Bedford Monthly Meeting that they have approved of the public appearances in the line of the Ministry of Lydia Rotch with which this & the Mens Meeting unite, and that they have also approved of the appointment of Obadiah Davis to the station of an Elder which is united with by us — The Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permission at New Bedford in the 3 Month next.

Signed in & on Behalf of said Meeting by

Charity Rotch Clerk this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 29th of 3 mo. 1799

The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Phebe Wing, Elizabeth=Wing & Sarah Wing, Pembroke, Priscilla Ellis & Lydia Brown, Nantucket, Merab Bunker, Anna=Gardner, & Dorcas Gardner, Dartmouth, Elizabeth Howland & Rhoda Tucker, Westport Susanna Russell, Susanna Macumber, Eunice Dexter and Hannah Peckham, New Bedford Mary Howland Lydia Bunker & Sarah Swain, Nantucket for the Northern District Sarah Barney 2d, Sarah=Barker, & Rebecca Folger all present except three two of whom were prevented attending by Indisposition—

Elizabeth Rodman is appointed Clerk for this time — We are informed that Nan=tucket friends were prevented attending the last Quarterly Meeting by unfavorable winds We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings hereto belonging from which general answers have been collected & with our account which hath been read & Sign'd in this Meeting are to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Anna=Gardner, Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker, Deborah Davis & Patience Austin 2d

Some satisfactory remarks having been made in this meeting on the evil tendency of reading pernicious Books & the necessity there is of vigilance in Mothers to inspect & in a suitable manner advise their children against such practices it was thought best to insert it in these minutes that it might be revived at a future period — The Business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine permission at Nantucket at the usual time. Signed in & on Behalf of said Meeting By Elizabeth Rodman Clerk this time

From our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 29th of 3d mo. 1799
To the Yearly Meeting of women friends to be held on Rhode Island —

Dear Friends

We have collected answers to the Queries from those sent from our several Monthly Meetings which measurably convey the state of things amongst us. We have to inform that we have approved of the public appearance in the line of the ministry of Lydia Rotch, as also the receipt of last years Epistle & the transcripts of those of Philadelphia & New York which have been acceptably read amongst us. We have appointed our friends Anna Gardner, Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker, Deborah Davis & Patience Austin 2d, to attend the Yearly Meeting we conclude your Friends

Signed in & on Behalf of said Meeting By
Elizabeth Rodman Clerk
at this time —

Answer 1st. Our Meetings are generally attended by a considerable number though a slackness appears in some for which labour has been extended, the hour mostly observed not wholly clear of Sleeping mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour —

2. Love & Unity measurably maintained amongst us but not so fully as becomes our profession, Tale bearing & evil reports not enough discouraged where any differences have appeared some labour hath been extended —

3, Some friends are concerned to educate those under their care in plainness of Speech & apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious Books & the corrupt conversations of the world but a want of this concern is too obvious amongst us for which labour hath been extended, the scriptures are generally read in our families —

4th Friends are generally careful in each part of this Query —

5th some Care is taken of the poor & their necessities measurably relieved some deficiency in learning none placed out from among friends —

6th We believe some amongst us are careful to maintain the Discipline in regard to company keeping on account of Marriage some instances of keeping company with those not of our Society on which account labour hath been bestowed —

7th We know not but clear in each part of this Query

8th Mostly careful in each part of this Query except Wills.

9th Clear as far as appears —

10th We know not but clear in each part —

11th Some deficiency in recording not all clear as to Certificates —

12th There is a care on the minds of a remnant to deal with offenders, & to place Judgment where it appears necessary according to Discipline —

At our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 2nd of 7th mo 1799 —

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Sarah Gifford, Lydia Purington, & Chloe Gifford, for Pembrook Elizabeth Rogers & Anna Wing — for Dartmouth Deborah Havland, Jedidah Mosier & Sarah Mosier. for Nantucket Dorcas Gardner, Phebe Hussey & Lydia Hussey for Westport Sarah Sowl Elizabeth Austin & Meribah Devol for New Bedford Patience Austin Ruth Mosier & Elizabeth Rodman — Nantucket Nothern district Lois Barney, Lydia Worth & Merib Spooner all present — Elizabeth Rodman is appointed Clerk for the year ensuing — The friends appointed attended the Yearly Meeting. Our beloved friends Rebecca Jones & Jane Snowden attended this Meeting each producing a copy of a minute from the Mo. Meeting of friends in Philadelphia for the Nothern district, expressive of their sympathy in their religious concern to visit us & near unity with them as Ministers which were read to our satisfaction — Our beloved frds Ruth Anna Rutter & Sarah Cresson also attended this meeting with Certificates, the former from the Mo Meeting of Exeter the latter from Philadelphia manifesting their Unity with them as ministers & sympathy in their present concern which were satisfactory —

This Meeting adjourns to the 3d hour this afternoon —

Met by adjournment — The representatives present Accounts have been recd with Answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th Queries, by which among other deficiencies sorrowfully apparent the minds of some present have been deeply affected by the repeated acknowledgment of slackness in the attendance of our religious Meetings; & a want of that love, which would remove the cause of complaint so often [illegible]ing of the existence of a Spirit of detraction — whereon many weighty remarks have been made which we desire may have a tendency to excite each individual to more diligence in cultivating the vineyards of our own hearts — We have receiv'd extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting, with transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women friends in London Philadelphia and Newyork, which except the latter have been read to the satisfaction & comfort of many present. transcripts of which are directed to the several Mo. Mgs & their representatives are requested to inform them, of this Meetings concern that a committee be appointed to visit such of our beloved Sisters, who thro age & infirmity are deprived the valuable privilege of attending many of our Meetings, & in their communications to them — The reading of the New York Epistle is referr'd to our next Quarterly Meeting — The committee appointed in the 6th mo 1798, make the following report — Pursuant to the appointment of the Quarterly Meeting in the 6 mo last year, a considerable part of the committee have visited all the Preparative & Mo Meetings within our Quarter, & as way has open'd many of the families of friends in each Mo Meeting, wherein as ability has been afforded we have endeavour'd to discharge our duty in the service allotted us, in the appointment, & altho at times our labours were accompanied with much diffidence & fear, yet they proved in general to our own satisfaction & we trust to pretty good acceptance — In behalf of the committee

Joseph Wing
Dorcas Brown

Nantucket 7mo 1799

The company & religious labours of our before mentioned friends have been truly comforting & edifying to some present, who are desirous the renew-favors may be gratefully receive & profitably remembered — the business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted at Sandwich in the 10 mo. next

Signed in & on behalf of said meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 4 of 10 mo. 1799 — The friends appointed as representatives are for Sandwich, Phebe Wing, Lydia Purington, & Chloe Gifford — for Pembrook Priscilla Ellis, & Tabitha Bailey — for Nantucket Elizabeth Barker, Anna Macy, & Dorcas Gardner — for Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Desire Howland Abigail Shepherd & Sarah Smith — for Westport Patience Austin, Esther Mosier, & Eunice Wilber — for New Bedford Amy Greene, Patience Austin & Sarah Wing — Nantucket Nothern district Elizabeth Gardner 2d, Elizabeth Barker jun. & Rachel Swain — who are present except three — Pembrook Monthly Meeting inform they have appointed Lydia Brown an Elder — which is approv'd by this & the mens meeting, Deborah Davis is desir'd to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

We have receiv'd accounts with Answers to the 1, 2, & 12 queries, & altho many deficiencies appear, we hope there are in each Meeting a remnant who are concerned for the maintenance of our discipline — We are inform'd the advice from our last Quarterly Meeting has been communicated & comply'd with by the Monthly Meetings — A transcript of an Epistle from New York yearly Meeting of Women friends containing much seasonable advice has been read to our satisfaction. A minute from the Mens Meeting expressing our satisfaction in the company & religious labors of those friends who attended our last Quarterly Meeting & Others who have visited the meetings within its limits, being read in this, the Clerk is directed to unite in signing them — the business being accomplish'd we conclude to meet again by divine permission at New Bedford in the 12 mo. —

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New-Bedford for Sandwich the 13th of 12 mo 1799 — the friends appointed to attend this meeting are for Sandwich Abigail Wing, Lydia Purrington, & Elizabeth Gifford — for Pembroke Tabitha Bailey, & Lydia Brown — for Nantucket Huldah Coleman & Merab Bunker — for Dartmouth Mercy Anthony, Abigail Russell & Ruth Smith — for Westport Abigail White, Elizabeth Austin, & Hannah Peckham — New Bedford Sarah Davis Sylvia Grinnell, Ruth Davis & Elizabeth Rodman — Nantucket Nothern district Elizabeth Gardner 2nd & Merab Spooner — all present but one. Deborah Davis reports she has inform'd the select Meeting agreeable to her appointment.

We have receiv'd Accounts with answers to the 1, 2 & 12 queries from all the monthly Meetings hereto belonging — wherein many deficiencies sorrowfully appear — which has affected the minds of some present. The Clerk informs she has united in signing the minutes agreeable to direction of last Quarterly Meeting.

The business being accomplish'd this meeting concludes to meet again if permitted in the 3 mo next.

Signed in & on behalf of said meeting By
Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 20 of 3d mo 1800 — The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are — for Sandwich Phebe Wing, Chloe Swift, & Lydia Wing — for Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers, & Abigail Keen — for Nantucket Jedidah Barker, Anna Gardner, & Mary Macy — for Dartmouth Rhoda Tucke Martha Smith, & Mary Tucker — for Westport Susanna Russell, Deliver Gifford, & Sarah Wing — for New Bedford Rhoda Howland Amy Greene Mary Card & Sarah Wing — for Nantucket Nothern district Judith Lawrence, Sarah Barnard & Sarah Brayton — all present —

We have receiv'd accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Mo Meetings, from which general answers are compiled — An account to the next yearly Meeting has been read approv'd & sign'd, which with the answers are to be forwarded by our friends Patience Austin 2d, Sarah Howland, Anna Gardner, Lydia Brown, & Elizabeth Rodman who are appointed to attend therewith — The business being finish'd this Meeting concludes to meet again by Divine permission at Nantucket at the usual time

Signed in & on behalf of said meeting By Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

Answer 1st. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by the greatest part of our members, tho some deficiencies yet remain in that important duty. The hour pretty well observed, mostly preserved from sleeping; where it has been given way to some care has been extended; mostly clear of other unbecoming behaviour.

2nd Love & unity measurably maintained but not so fully as becomes the followers of Christ; tale bearing & evil reports not enough discouraged by all; where any differences have appeared labour has been bestowed.

3rd Some friends are careful to bring up those under their care in plainness agreeable to this query, but others fall short both in example & precept; not all clear of the corrupt conversation of the world. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in friends families.

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine or necessary occasions.

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities measurably relieved & they assisted in business, Their children partake of learning; none placed out from among friends. —

6th Some are careful that company keeping on account of marriage be conducted agreeable to this query, several keeping company with those who are not members, which is under notice, all are not enough concerned to discountenance disorderly marriages ~

7th Mostly clear in each part of this query.

8th Not all clear respecting wills; other part clear

9th Clear in each part of this query

10th Mostly clear in these respects.

11th Careful in regard to marriages; some neglect on account of births deaths & burials also some neglect of certificates wherein care has been taken.

12th Care is taken to deal with offenders & to place judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 1st of ye 7 mo. 1800

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are — for Sandwich Mary Wing 2nd & Mehitable Hilly for Pembroke Priscilla Ellis — for Nantucket Phebe Hussey Merab Bunker & Phebe Coleman — Dartmouth Desire Howland Rhoda Tucker & Bethia Russell — Westport Patience Austin Meribah Devol & Esther Mosier — New Bedford Mary Howland & Lydia Rotch — Nantucket Nothern District Lois Barney Merab Spooner & Elizabeth Gardner all present — The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed, Elizabeth Rodman is reappointed for the ensuing year — The friends appointed report they attended the Yearly Meeting except one, whose reason for the omission is satisfactory — Our beloved friend Ruth Hallock attended this Meeting with a copy of a minute from the Creek Mo. Meeting held in Nine Partners Dutchess County State of Newyork the 10th of 4 mo. 1800 expressing their near sympathy & Unity with her concern to pay a religious visit to us — also our beloved friend Sarah Hull attended with one from the same Meeting, signifying their unity with her accompanying the beforemention'd friend in her religious visit, which have both been read to our satisfaction — This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon. Met by adjournment near the 4th hour. The representatives present — We have recd accounts from all the Mo. Meetings hereto belonging, with answers to the 1. 2. & 12 Queries, wherein we have to observe many deficiencies in the support of our Christian discipline — which is painful to those who are concern'd for its faithful maintenance

Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia & Newyork Yearly Meetings, with Extracts from our Yearly Meeting Minutes have been read in this — containing seasonable counsel & advice on various subjects, which a remnant are desirous may not only be assented to on this occasion, but profitably remembered, & also the instructive communications we have at this time been favored with from the before-mentioned friends, whose company & religious labors have been truly acceptable to us —. A copy of a minute from the Mens Meeting on behalf of our friend Ruth Hallock has been read & signed in this Meeting — & the Clerk is directed to sign one when prepar'd, for her Companion — The Transcripts of Epistles & Extracts, are directed to the several Mo. Meetings — The Business of this Meeting being accomplished we conclude to meet again by Divine Permission in the 10th mo at Sandwich

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 3d of ye 10th mo 1800 — the representatives for Sandwich are Sarah Gifford & Phebe Wing — for Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & [illegible] Ellis — for Nantucket Merab Bunker Hepzibah Coffin & Dorcas Gardner — for Dartmouth Sarah Howland & Mehitable Slocum, for Westport Sarah Wing Mary Davis, Eliza^th Austin & Eunice Dexter, for NewBedford Sarah Wing Deborah Davis & Sarah Russell — Nantucket No. District Sarah Barney Eliza^th Gardner & Merab Spooner all present except one whose reasons for not attending were accepted — The Clerk being absent Eliz^th Gardner is appointed for this time — We have receiv'd accounts from all our Mo. Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd & 12th queries, which have been read here & altho deficiencies are apparent, we trust there is a remnant in each Meeting who are concern'd for the prosperity of our Zion & enlargement of her Borders & may those be encouraged to labor for a reformation in their several allotments according to ability given — The Business of this Meeting being ended — we conclude to meet again by Divine Permission in the 12th mo. at NewBedford

Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Eliz^th Gardner Clerk for this time

At Our Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at NewBedford the 12th of 12th mo. 1800 — the Representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Swift & Mary Kelly for Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Huldah Ellis — for Nantucket Anna Spooner & Elizabeth Black — for Dartmouth Mary Smith & Rhoda Tucker, for Westport Eunice Wilber, Rachel Baker and Martha Gifford — for NewBedford Elizabeth Rotch, jun^r Mary

Howland & Sarah Wing, Nantucket Nº district Pernell Gorham & Elizabeth Gardner all present — We have receivd accounts from all the Mo. Meetings with answers to the usual three Queries & altho deficiencies are complained of we believe there are some rightly engaged for the promotion of the cause of religion — Mary Howland & Lydia Rotch are appointed to examine the papers belonging to this Meeting, & destroy those that are useless & report at our next Quarterly Meeting. The business being finished this Meeting concludes, to meet again at NewBedford in the 5th mo. if permitted

Signed on behalf of said meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at NewBedford the 27th of 5 mo. 1801 — the friends appointed to attend this Meeting are — for Sandwich Elizth Wing & Mary Wing 2d Pembroke Elizath Rogers & Rebecca Ellis — Nantucket Mary Barker, Dorcas Gardner & Jemima Paddack — for Dartmouth Lucy Howland & Rhoda Tucker — Accoaxet Elizth Austin Esther Mosher & Hannah Peckham — NewBedford Rebecca Nickelson, Mary Card, Patience Austin & Ruth Davis — Nantucket Nº District Rebecca Folger, Sarah Barney 2d & Rachel Hussey all present —

The friends appointed report they have inspected the papers belonging to this Meeting & destroyed such as appeared useless

We have received accounts with answers to the Queries from all the Mo. Meetings, whereby great shortness in many important appear, which has sorrowfully affected some present — We have prepared general Answers which are hereto annexed & an account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, which have been read approved & the latter signed, & appoint our friends Lydia Brown Mary Tucker, Mary Barker, Mary Howland & Dorcas Gardner to attend therewith & report at our next Quarterly Meeting — The London printed Epistle containing excellent advice has been read to our satisfaction — The business being finished we conclude, to meet again if permitted at the usual time at Nantucket —

Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

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At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich 8th mo. 20th 1801. The time for which the Clerk not appointed having expired Sarah Barney is appointed Clerk for the day — The friends appointed to attend the service of this Meeting are for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, Mary Kelly & Sarah Wing for Pembroke Alice Soper & Abigail Rogers for Nantucket Sarah Coffin Dorcas Gardner & Anna Macy, for Dartmouth Judith Mercy Smith, Alice & Elizabeth Howland, for Westport Patience Austin Sarah Soule & Martha Gifford, for New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Zervia Smith, & Ruth Davis for Rochester, [illegible] Gorham Merab Spooner & Sarah Barker, the representatives are present except Ruth Davis, who was prevented from attending by indisposition —

The friends appointed report they attended the Yearly Meeting — The accounts from the several Mo. Meetings which compose this have been received & read, & the 1st & 2nd queries with answers have been proceeded in, & we now adjourn to the 3rd hour this afternoon. Met by adjournment the representatives present that were at the first sitting, the rest of the queries have been read and the concluding answer; whereby it appears that there is yet Deficiency's prevalent on which account many friends have extended tender advice & counsel, which we hope may not only have a tendency at this time to raise desires that they may be removed, but a daily concern that there may not be so much cause for the like complaints in future. Our beloved friends Anna Mifflin & Mary Gilbert attended this meeting & produced Certificates from the Mo. Meeting of friends of Philadelphia dated the 1st of 5th mo. 1801 expressive of their concurrence & their unity with them in their present religious engagement, which have been read to our satisfaction, their gospel labors among us truly comfortable & edifying to us —

Manuscripts of Epistles from the yearly Meetings of London & Philadelphia with extracts from our Yearly Meeting minutes have been read to our satisfaction containing seasonable caution & advice on many subjects, which we are desirous may be like bread cast on the waters whereby something may be gathered many days hence. The Newyork Epistle is directed to be forwarded to our next quarterly meeting, the Extracts from

our Yearly Meeting with transcripts of the London & Philadelphi
Epistles are directed to be forwarded to each Monthly Meeting. —

The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again by divine permission in the 10th mo. next at Sandwich —

Signed in & on behalf of the aforesaid meeting by

Sarah Barney 2d Clerk for the Day

Answers belonging to minutes of 3d month

Answer 1st Our meetings for worship & Discipline are attended by the greater part of our members, & where deficiencys have appeared in this respect, some care hath been taken; the hour generally observed — mostly clear of sleeping tho we fear all are not enough concerned to guard against drowsiness, generally clear of other unbecoming behaviour —

2nd We believe there are a number that experience a degree of this love & unity, & are laboring after an increase — but all are not so careful in this essential duty as is queried after — tale-bearing back-biting & evil reports not enough discourag'd by all, some care taken on this account — no differences that we know of. —

3d There are a number who are concerned to bring up tho under their care as is queried after & to be good examples themselves, yet all are not so careful in these important duties as truth requires, wherein some labor hath been bestowed — The Scriptures are frequently read in friends families but we believe not so generally as would be profitable.

4th Friends are mostly careful in each part of this query —

5th The circumstances of the Poor are somewhat inspected and their necessities measurably relieved, some care is extended for the education of their children —

6th Some friends are careful that company-keeping on account of marriage should be conducted agreeable to this query. — all are not enough concerned to discountenance the application of those not of our society on that account — wherein care is extended; disorderly marriages mostly discourag'd.

7th Clear in each part.

8th Mostly clear —

9th Clear —

10th - Clear in each part of this query as far as appears.
11th Care is taken in each part of this Query —
12th Some care is taken to deal with offenders in the manner queried after & judgment placed where it appears necessary according to Discipline —

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 2 of 11th m° 1801. the Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Elizabeth Saunders and Phebe Wing - for Pembroke Priscilla Ellis & Abigail Keen, for Nantucket Dorcas Gardner Anna Spooner & Phebe Hussey, for Dartmouth Mary Walker & Rhoda Russell. Westport Patience Tobin, Sarah Wing & Eunice [illegible], Newbedford Amy Greene Sarah Russell, Mary Howland & Patience Austin - Nantucket N° District Merab Spooner & Mercy Greene, all present except two who have given satisfactory reasons for their absence.

Eliza^th Rodman is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year, & Mary Howland Assistant. We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 11th queries from all the M° Meetings constituting this - & after some pertinent remarks on the acknowledgement of a want of that Love & Unity which characterizes the true Disciple - It has been feelingly recommended to each individual to search our own hearts & labour for an increase thereof, which would no doubt preserve from a detracting disposition so mournfully complained of. A transcript of an Epistle from Newyork Yearly Meeting has been read to satisfaction, copies of which are directed to the several Monthly Meetings. — We are informed from Nantucket M° Meeting they have approved the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary Barker & Dorcas Gardner, which is united with by this & the Mens Meeting, Elizabeth Wing & Lydia Brown are appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof. —

The Business being finished we conclude to meet again if permitted at NewBedford in the 12th m.° next -

Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting - By

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at NewBedford for Sandwich the 11th of 12th mo. 1801 —

The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Abigail Wing & Elizath Swift — Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Lydia Brown Nantucket Mary Barker & Meriam Gardner Dartmouth Deborah Howland Sarah Mosier & Sarah Howe 2d Westport Hannah Peckham Sarah Baker & Esther Mosier — NewBedford Elizath Hatch junr Patience Austin & Mary Card — Nantucket 2d District Phebe Coleman & Lydia Worth. all present —

The friends appointed report they have inform'd the Select Meeting of our uniting with Nantucket Mo. Meeting in approving the Ministry of the friends mention'd in their account. We have receiv'd accounts with Answers to the three usual queries from the Mo. Meetings which constitute this — & altho deficiencies in some important branches of our testimony are apparent — it is with satisfaction we observe from one of the Mo. Meetings an acknowledgment of increasing care in attending mid week Meetings, which we hope will have an animating effect by exciting more diligence in those who have been remiss. The London printed Epistle containing pertinent & seasonable advice has been read to our satisfaction — The business being accomplished we conclude, to meet again if permitted at NewBedford in the 3d mo. next —

Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at NewBedford for Sandwich the 20th of 3d mo. 1802 The friends appointed to attend this meeting are for Sandwich Deborah Hoxie, Lydia Wing & Sarah Wing — Pembroke Elizth Rogers & Lydia Brown, Nantucket Elizth [illegible] jun. Mary Barnard & Judith Barker, Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker & Elizth Howland — Westport Susanna Macomber, Mary Davis & Anna [illegible] — NewBedford Phebe Parker Sarah [illegible] 2d Lydia Grinnell & Ruth Davis — Nantucket 2d District Rebecca Folger 2d Susanna Gardner & Elizth Barker jun. — all present except one who has sent a satisfactory reason for her absence.

We have receiv'd accounts & answers to the Queries from all the Mo. Meetings, constituting this, & altho many deficiencies are acknowledged, we believe there are a living remnant who are concerned that order should be preserved by the maintenance of our discipline in all its branches — We have compiled general Answers, which with an account to the next Yearly Meeting have been read & approved & the latter signed, & are to be forwarded by our Representatives who are Rhoda Tucker, Amy Greene, Abial Bunker, & Elizabeth Rotch Junr they to report at next Quarter —

A copy of a minute from NewBedford Mo Meeting expression of a concern was believed from Martha Smith as of religious duty, to visit the boarding school at Nine Partners, to attend the Quarterly Meetings in that neighborhood, & the Yearly Meeting at Newyork, & a willingness in our friend Lydia Rotch to accompany her, which having claimed our sympathy, they have our concurrence therein — & the Clerk is directed to unite in signing an endorsement expressive thereof —

We are informed from the Mens Meeting that David Bowerman Prince Wing Laban Mitchell Cornelius Howland & Elizth Rodman are appointed to the place of Elders - which is fully united with in this — The business being finished, we conclude to meet again by Divine Permission at Nantucket at the usual time. — Signed in & on behalf of said Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

Answer 1st Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline are generally attended by most of our members, altho a slackness remains apparent in some, for which care hath been extended, the hour pretty well observed, generally preserved from sleeping, tho' not without exceptions, on account of which some care hath been taken; mostly clear of unbecoming behaviour when met,

2 We believe a good degree of Love & Unity is maintained amongst us, tho' not so fully as desired after. Detraction not enough Discouraged by all, where differences have arisen, care hath been extended to end them.

3 There are a number amongst us, who are endeavouring to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books and from unprofitable conversation, who are concerned to be good examples themselves in these respects, but all are not sufficiently attentive thereto, -the

3rd The holy Scriptures are frequently read in some families;
4th We think mostly clear in each part of this Query.
5th The circumstances of the poor, are inspected, and their necessities treasured & relieved, some care is extended to the Education of their Children; some placed, some amongst friends that we know of.
6th There is a concern subsisting to discourage disorderly company keeping on account of Marriage; disorderly Marriages not enough guarded against by all.
7th Clear in each part as far as appears.—
8th Clear as far as appears, except some deficiency respecting Wills.
9th Clear.—
10th We know of none who give reasonable grounds of fear on either of these accounts.
11th Generally clear as to recording, care is taken respecting certificates.
12th There is a care taken that offenders be dealt with in the Spirit of Meekness and Wisdom, and judgement placed where it appears necessary agreeable to Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 11th of 6th mo. 1802 — The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich Elizth Swift & Elizabeth Gifford — Pembroke Lydia Brown & Priscilla Ellis — Nantucket Sarah Barker, Lydia Macy, Lydia Hussey & Elizth Bunker — Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Deborah Howland & Susan Howland Acoaxet Sarah Soule, Eunice Dexter & Hannah Allen — New Bedford Mary Howland, Ruth Swain & Patience Austin — Nantucket No. District Eunice Mitchell, Sarah Hussey & Sarah Barker all present except one who is prevented by indisposition. Mira Bunker & Elizabeth Ketch who attended the Yearly Meeting agreeable to appointment — the other two friends gave reasons for their not attending which were accepted — This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon — Met agreeable to adjournment, the Representatives present that attended the preceding sitting except one who is prevented by sickness in her family — We have received accounts with Answers to the usual three queries, from the Mo. Meetings belonging to this, which with the queries have been read, & it appears there are some in each Meeting who are concerned for the support of our Discipline, tho deficiencies are still acknowledged — We are informed from the Mens Meeting they have approved of the appointment of Sarah Otis to the place of an Elder, & of the public appearance in the Ministry of John Bailey, which we fully unite with & Elizth Rodman is appointed to inform the Select Meeting of the former —

The M^o Meeting of Nantucket for the N^o District inform they have had a request from Mercy Greene wife of Thomas Greene of Nova Scotia, to be admitted into membership, & have visited her to satisfaction, but from her remote situation are desirous of having the advice of this Meeting, & after being consider'd they are left at liberty to decide according to their freedom. We have receiv'd Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, containing many remarks on apparent deficiencies & suitable advice on that & other subjects to stir up the pure mind in all to more diligence — With a transcript of a living Epistle from the Womens Yearly Meeting in London, which have been satisfactory, imparting to many minds present. Transcripts of them are directed to be forwarded to the M^o Meeting — The reading of Philadelphia & Newport Epistles are refer'd to next Quarter — The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted at Sandwich in the 10^th m^o — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting

By Elizabeth Redman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 1^st of 10^th m^o 1802 — The friends appointed to attend this Meeting are for Sandwich, Sarah Gifford, & Phebe Wing, Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Priscilla Ellis, Nantucket Miriam Gardner, [illegible] [illegible], & Anna Macy; Dartmouth Lucy Howland, Mary Tucker & Patience Shepherd, Acoaxet Ruth Gifford Hannah [illegible] Jemima Wing, New Bedford Deborah Davis, Lydia Wing & Sylvia Grinnell, Nantucket N^o District Sarah Hussey, Sarah Barker & Lydia Worth, all present — The year having expired since the Clerk & Assistant were appointed, a new choice is refer'd to next Quarter. The friend appointed reports the information has been communicated to the Select Meeting — The Queries with accounts & answers to the usual three, from all the M^o Meetings constituting this have been read. We have been favor'd with transcripts of two acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & Newport among other weighty advice the dear youth have been tenderly addressed with encouraging language to surrender the morning of their days to the service of their Creator, which with similar verbal communications we hope the minds of many have been so impress'd at this time, as for the importance thereof to be remembered — Transcripts of said Epistles are prepar'd for the Monthly Meetings — We concur with the judgement of the Mens Meeting, that it will be best in future for our Quarterly Meetings to begin at the tenth hour — The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted at NewBedford in the 12th mo next — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 10th of 12th mo 1802 — The Friends appointed to attend this Meeting are from Sandwich Eliz^a Swift & Deborah Bowerman — Pembroke Tabitha Bailey, & Lydia Brown — Nantucket Mary Barker, Eunice Mitchell, & Sarah Paddock — Dartmouth Jerusha Smith, Rhoda Tucker, & Lucy Howland — Acoaxet Sarah Soule, Catharine Kirby, & Rachel Baker — New Bedford Elizabeth Russell, Mary Tucker, Ann Hazard, & Mary Howe. Nantucket 2^d District Susanna Gardner & Elizabeth Gardner all present except two who are prevented by indisposition — the choice of a Clerk & assistant refer'd to this Meeting having come under consideration, Elizabeth Rodman & Sarah Barney are appointed for the ensuing year.

We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th queries from all the Mo Meetings constituting this, & it appears by them, there are those in each meeting, who are concerned for the preservation of good order, by the maintenance of our christian discipline — may their hands be strengthened & the number increase —

We conclude, to meet again by Divine permission in the 3 mo at this place — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 25th of 3 mo 1803 — The Representatives for Sandwich are Abigail Wing, Sarah Wing, & Lois Swift — Pembroke Alice Rogers, & Lydia Brown — Nantucket Lydia Gardner, Eliz^th Black, & Sarah Coffin — Dartmouth Lucy Howland, & Rhoda Tucker, Acoaxet Freelove Gifford, Martha Gifford, & Hannah Peckham —

New Bedford Ruth Russell, Mary Card, Sarah Kenney & Eliz^th Fitch and Nantucket Mo. District Mary Spooner, Susanna Gardner & Eliz^th Barker, all present — The Queries, & answers from all the Mo. Meetings have been read, & we hope the lively remarks that have been made on acknowledged deficiencies will excite to more diligence, & that fewer exceptions will appear in future - General Answers have been compiled which with an account to our next Yearly Meeting have been read & approved & the Letter signed, & are to be forwarded by our Representatives Rhoda Tucker, Eliz^th Rodman, Eliz^th Barker, Lydia Brown, Lydia Gardner, & Martha Gifford, they to report at our next Quarterly Meeting — We unite with the Mens Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Obadiah Davis & in the appointment of Peleg Mitchell to the station of an Elder. — We conclude to meet again by Divine permission, at the usual time at Nantucket. Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk

Answer 1st Our meetings for Worship & Discipline are generally attended by the greater part of our Members, though a deficiency is sometimes evident in this important duty, the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping & unbecoming behaviour where it hath appeared otherwise some care hath been extended. —

2d Love & Unity in a good degree subsisting amongst us, tho' not so fully maintained by all as becomes our profession, detraction measurably discouraged, where differences have arisen labour has been bestow'd.

3d — Some amongst us endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the World, also to be exemplary themselves, yet there is an apparent deficiency in others; We believe the Holy Scriptures are generally read in friends families. —

4th — Mostly careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, We know of none who frequent Taverns & places of public resort, moderation and temperance in a good degree preserved at Births, Marriages & Burials; Where it hath been otherwise some care hath been extended.

5th Care is extended towards the poor, & their necessities measurably relieved, clear in the other parts of this Query. — — —

6th We believe some are circumspect in their proceedings on account of Marriage but we fear others are not enough careful in these respects, Friends generally discountenance disorderly Marriages. — —

7th Clear as far as appears. — — — —

8th Clear in each part of this query, except some deficiency respecting Wills.

9th Clear. — —

10th Generally careful in these respects. — — —

11th Marriages recorded, some neglect of Births and Deaths, careful respecting Certificates. — —

12th — There is a care subsisting to deal with offenders as this Query requires and to place judgment according to Discipline.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket for Sandwich the 28th of 6th mo: 1803 — the Clerk being absent through indisposition Sarah Barney 2d is appointed Clerk for this time — The Representatives for Sandwich are Abigail Wing, Sarah Gifford, & Sarah Wing — Pembroke Abigail Rogers & Alice Rogers — Nantucket Abigail Macy, Judith Barney Anna Spooner & Elizth Black — Dartmouth Deborah Howland & Phebe Tucker. Acoaxet, Sarah Soule, Jemima Wing & Sarah Wing - New Bedford Experience Sherman, Ruth Swain & Sarah Russell, Nantucket No District, Lucy Barney, Lydia Worth & Sarah Barker 2d - all present — This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon — met by adjournment the representatives all present. The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one for which a satisfactory reason was given — We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th Queries, from all the Mo Meetings constituting this, which, with the Queries have been read, whereupon many lively & pertinent remarks on the apparent deficiencies have been made - particularly the neglect of attending our Meetings for Discipline, & the spirit of detraction, which we hope may have its due weight, & we endeavor to profit thereby — Our beloved friends Martha Simpson, from the State of Pensylvania - Elizabeth Coggeshall & Elizabeth Barker from Newport attended this meeting, whose company and services in Gospel love have been acceptable & edifying to us —

We have received extracts from our last Yearly Meeting containing many solid remarks on various subjects, which have been read to our satisfaction — A Transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of women friends of Philadelphia, containing much instructive couns.l, hath been read to the refreshing of many minds present, & may it animate us all to greater dedication of our time & talents, to do what is required at our hands — The extracts with the Transcript of the Phila.d Epistle are directed to be forwarded to the several monthly meetings — the reading of the London & Newyork Epistles are refer'd to our next Quarterly Meeting. — the business being accomplished we conclude, to meet again by Divine permission at Sandwich in the 10th mo. next — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid meeting

by Sarah Barney 2d Clerk at this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 7th of 10th month 1803 — The Clerk being absent Lydia Hatch is appointed for this time — The representatives from Sandwich Monthly Meeting are Ruth King & Mehetable Kelly, Pembroke Elizth Rogers & Abigail Thorne Nantucket Phebe Hussey, & Anna Coffin — Dartmouth Mary Tucker & Jedida Mosier — Acoaxet Patience Austin, Elizth Austin, Freelove Gifford & Content King New Bedford Patience Austin, Sarah Barney 2d Lydia Russell & Elizth Hatch jun — Nantucket No. District Lydia Worth & Merab Spooner who being called are present except one who was prevented attending by indisposition — We have receiv'd Accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th Queries from each of the monthly meetings constituting this, which, with the queries having been read, it appears that there is a number concern'd for the right maintenance of our discipline, yet it hath been painful to observe the acknowledgment that a detracting disposition is not enough guarded against; on which account we have been tenderly recommended to seek after a qualification to speak the truth to our neighbor, as a means of receiving ability to move forward with more acceptance in the sight of Israel's Shepherd:

A weighty, lively Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London in the 5th month 1802 hath been read, & many minds we believe have derived satisfaction & instruction therefrom. Also an encouraging one from our Sisters of Newyork Yearly Meeting held in the 5th month of the present year, hath been read to satisfaction — The business being accomplished, we conclude, to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at NewBedford. Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Lydia Rotch Clerk for the Day

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford for Sandwich the 9th of 12th mo 1803 — The Representatives for Sandwich are Elizth Swift & Elizth Gifford — Pembroke Lydia Brown — Nantucket Miriam Gardner, Elizth Wotton & Elizth Black — Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Mary Wing, Sarah Mosher, & Sarah Howland — Acoaxet, Sarah Soule, Jemima Wing & Catharine Kirby — New Bedford Sarah Russell, Anna Hazard & Sarah Wing — Nantucket Nd District Elizth Gardner & Phebe Coleman. all present — The time having expired which the Clerk & assistant were appointed for, after considering the subject here, a new choice is referr'd to next Quarter — We have receiv'd accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th queries from all the Mo Meetings constituting this, by them it appears there are in each a remnant who are concern'd for right order, & we desire such may be encouraged to persevere, & others increasingly concern'd to unite in the exercise, that there may be less cause for the acknowledgement of deficiencies than at present — We unite with the Men's Meeting in approving the public appearances in the line of the Ministry of John R Davis — The business being accomplished we conclude, to meet if permitted at this place in third month next — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid meeting by

Elizabeth Rodman Clerk at this time

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 25th of 3d mo 1804 — The Representatives for Sandwich are Elizth Swift & Grace Wing for Pembroke Lydia Brown — Nantucket Lydia Gardner, Anna Mitchell, & Huldah Barney — Dartmouth Lucy Hunton, Jedidah Morse, & [illegible] Kenton — Acoaxet Hannah Peckham & Mary Davis — [illegible] Amy Green, Eunice Russell, Patience Austin, & Ruth Davis — Nantucket No District Sarah Hussey, Merab Spooner, & Susanna Gardner all present — The choice of a Clerk & Assistant refer'd to this Meeting having been considered Mary Howland & Sarah Barney are appointed for the ensuing year. We have receiv'd accounts from the several Monthly Meetings, with answers to the Queries, & although many deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent, yet there is cause of thankfulness, that a remnant in each meeting, are desirous to maintain our discipline in its various branches — General Answers have been compiled which are as follows, also an account to the Yearly Meeting hath been read approv'd & sign'd & are to be forwarded by our representatives, Eliza. Swift, Bethiah Russell, Lydia Brown, Rhoda Howland & Elizth Gardner.

We are inform'd from Nantucket Mo. Meeting, that they have appointed Huldah Barney to the station of an Elder; which being weightily considered, & having the concurrence of the Select Meeting is approved, & appoint [illegible] Gardner to inform the Select Meeting thereof — Our beloved friend Ann Alexander from Great Britain attended this Meeting, & produced Certificates from the respective Meetings to which she belongs, expressive of their unity, with her prospects of paying a religious visit to this Country, and having attended all our Meetings except one in this Quarter, & had opportunity's in the greater part of the families of friends in two of our Meetings, in which as at this time, her Gospel labours have been edifying, & her company truly acceptable — Our beloved friend Hannah L Fisher attended this Meeting, with a Certificate from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting for the Southern District, dated 15th of 11th month 1803, she having previously accompanied our beloved friend Ann Alexander, in visiting many of our Meetings, in which her Gospel labours & company have been truly acceptable, & she having express'd that the evidence of Peace accompanying her mind, for having yielded to the impressions of Duty, & apprehending herself (at present) released from a prospect of further engagement, & desirous of returning home — The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this Minute — The business being accomplished, we conclude, to meet again if permitted in the 6th mo. next. Signed on behalf of the Womens Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

From our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 23 of 3 mo 1824 To the Next Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rhode Island.

Dear Friends

We may inform we have received extracts from the Minutes of last Year likewise transcripts of Epistles from London, Philadelphia and New York, all of which have been read to our satisfaction. — We have approved of the public appearances in the line of the ministry of John R. Davis of New Bedford, & Huldah Barney of Nantucket is appointed to the station of an Elder. We forward answers to the Queries, comprising the State of our Meeting by our representatives, Elizabeth Swift, Bethiah Russell, Lydia Brown, Rhoda Howland, & Elizabeth Gardner. Signed in & on behalf of the Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk.

Answers 1. All our Meetings for Worship & discipline have been kept up, and generally attended by a considerable number, except a few instances when friends were prevented by the severity of the weather. The hour generally observed, mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour. —

2d — We think there is a good degree of love & unity subsisting amongst us, detraction not sufficiently guarded against by all. Where differences have arisen, friends have been engaged in labouring to end them. — — —

3d — Some friends are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, to restrain them from

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reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and are good examples [illegible] themselves, while others appear negligent in these important duties. The holy scriptures are frequently read in friends families.——

4th We believe mostly clear in each part of this query.———

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their neceſsities measurably relieved, not so careful respecting learning as queried after, none placed from amongst friends.————

6th We believe there are many who are endeavouring to be clear in each part of this query, while others are not so careful as would be best, as there are several instances under notice of disorderly company keeping.———

7th Clear.

8th We believe friends are careful to settle their accounts whilst in health, clear in the other part as far as appears

9th Clear in each part of this Query.

10th We know not but clear in each part of this query.

11th Friends are careful to have their marriages duly recorded, some neglect in births & deaths, clear in regard to certificates except a few instances, which are under notice.

12th Care is generally taken to deal with offenders, we trust measurably in the manner queried after, and to place judgment according to discipline.——

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 26th of 6th mo 1804. The representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Kelly, Elizabeth Gifford, & Mary Wing 4th. Pembroke Alice Rogers. Nantucket, Phebe Huſsey, Lydia Bunker and Anna Macy, Dartmouth, Rhoda Tucker, Elizabeth Hathaway, & Desire Howland, Acoxet, Sarah Cole & Elizabeth Austin. New Bedford, Lydia Ruſsell, Phebe Parker, & Elizabeth Rotch 2d, Nantucket Nothern District, Sarah Huſsey, Elizabeth Gardner 2d. & Eunice Mitchell, present except two. The place of aſsistant Clerk haveing been recently left vacant, Lydia Ruſsell is appointed for that Station.—

This Meeting adjourns to the 3 hour this afternoon. Met agreeable

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to adjournment, the representatives present that attended the preceeding sitting.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, report their attendance. The friend appointed to inform the Select Yearly Meeting of the appointment of Huldah Barney to the Station of an Elder, reports she has performed that Service. We have received accounts with answers to the usual three Queries from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this, which with the Queries have been read, —

An extract from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting held in the present year hath been read, & is as followeth; We are inform'd from the mens Meeting that it is concluded, the introductory recommendation usually read preceeding the Queries may be omitted in future, unless Circumstances render it necessary. and that Women friends in their Meetings, need not read or answer, that part of the 7th query respecting the payment of Priests wages, bearing of arms, training or other Military Matters. and that the following be the whole of the 9th query, Are friends careful to maintain our Testimony faithfully against Slavery; with which we unite, — An instructive Epistle; from the Yearly Meeting of Women friends held in London, dated the fifth month 1803 hath been read; also one from Philadelphia; and one from New York; from which with other verbal communications we believe many minds present have derived satisfaction & instruction; and we humbly trust renewed desires have been raised to endeavour more & more to occupy our time & talents, in united Labour diligently to pursue the things that make for our present and future Wellfare. The above mentioned Extract & Epistles are directed to be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings. — — —

The business being accomplished we conclude to Meet again if permitted at Sandwich in the 10th mo. next. — Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by — — — — — Mary Howland. Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 5th of 10th mo. 1804. — — —

The representatives for Sandwich are Phebe Wing, & [illegible] Gifford, Pembroke Tabitha Baily & Abigail Keen, Nantucket Susanna Bunker & Lydia Gardner, Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker & Desire Howland, Westport Sarah Wing & Jemima Wing, New Bedford Abigail Howland and Eunice Russell. — Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Gardner & Elizabeth Gardner 2d. present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given. — The aſsistant Clerk being absent through indisposition, Lydia Gardner is appointed for this time.

We have received accounts with Answers to the usual three Queries, from all the Monthly Meetings belonging to this, which with the Queries have been read. — — We are informed from the Mens Meeting that they have united with a proposition from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, for altering the time of holding their Monthly Meeting in the 10th month to the first week day after the Quarterly Meeting held in that month, which is united with in this Meeting. — — Our beloved friend John Baily laid before this Meeting a concern to make a religious visit to friends in the three Northerly Quarterly Meetings in New York State and produced a Certificate from Pembroke Monthly Meeting expressive of their Unity and Sympathy therein, which hath been read in this Meeting, and feelingly united with, and an indorsement from this Quarterly Meeting on the above mentioned Certificate hath been read, approved & Sign'd. —

The busineſs being accomplish'd we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 12th month next at New Bedford. — —

Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

At a Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford the 14th of 12th month 1804.

The representatives from Sandwich are Phebe Wing and Elizabeth Swift, Pembroke Sarah Otis, & Elizabeth Rogers, Nantucket Merab Bunker & Anna Spooner, Dartmouth Lucy Howland, Phebe Tucker, & Hannah Tucker; Westport Sarah Sole, Sarah Wing & Hannah Peckham; New Bedford Rose Davis, Reliance Howland & Lydia Potter, Nantucket Northern district Lydia Worth & Merab Spooner, all present except one who was prevented by the severity of the Weather. — —

We have received accounts with Answers to the usual three Queries from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, which with the Queries have been read, and some feeling remarks were made on the Answers to the second query, believing there is cause of encouragement as the answers were so generally clear of differences; we have also been tenderly exhorted to draw near to the fountain of love & life whereby we may witness an increase of love & unity. — — We are inform'd from Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern district that they have propos'd Elizabeth Gardner to the station of an Elder, the consideration of which is refer'd to the next Quarterly Meeting. — The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 3 mo. next at New Bedford, signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich the 29th of the 3 month 1805

The representatives for Sandwich are Deborah Hoxie, Mary Wing 3d & Charlotte Bowerman; Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers & Lydia Brown; Nantucket Susana Bunker & Abial Barney, Dartmouth Mary Tucker Rhoda Tucker, Jedida Hosier & Sarah Slocum; Accoaxet Catharine Kerby, Elizabeth Austin & Ester Hewitt, New Bedford Amey Greene, Ruth Davis Sylvia Grinell & Elizabeth Rotch Junr. Nantucket Nothern district Abial Swain, Ruth Gardner & Jedida Barker, all present except two for whose absen satisfactory reasons were given. — The year having expir'd since the Clerk and assistant were chosen, Mary Howland & Lydia Russell are appointe for the year ensuing. — — We have received accounts with Answers to the Queries from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this, which with the queries have been read, & general Answers prepared, ~~which~~ and with an accoun to the Yearly Meeting are directed to be forwarded by our representatives Elizabeth Swift, Mary Tucker, Sarah Howland, Mary Card, Lydia Brow and Jedida Barker. — — Being inform'd from the Mens Meeting tha after weighty consideration the proposal for Elizabeth Gardner's appointment to the station of an Elder, refer'd from last quarter is concluded to b dismiss'd, the subject has claim'd our serious attention & we concur ther with. — We are inform'd from the Mens Meeting that they have appointe James Tucker to the station of an Elder with which we unite. — —

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The beloved youth at the present opportunity have been tenderly invited to yield to the manifestations of Truth in their hearts, and to be willing to bow in the day of the Lords mercy, that thereby they may become plants of his right hand planting. —— An instructive Epistle from our beloved friend George Churchman addressed to the Quarterly, Monthly, & particular Meetings in New England, hath been read at the present opportunity. ——

The business being accomplish'd we conclude to meet again, if permitted at Nantucket at the usual time, signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

From our Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich 29th of 3mo 1805.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends to be held on Rhode Island

Dear Friends

Annexed are Answers to the Queries to which we refer you for the state of our Meeting, and appoint our friends, Elizabeth Swift, Mary Tucker, Sarah Howland, Mary Card, Lydia Brown & Jedida Barker representatives to attend therewith. —

We have received an extract from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes, respecting an alteration in the Queries, which has been read & adopted. — Also transcripts of Epistles, from London, Philadelphia, & New York, which have been read to our edification. ——

Signed in and on behalf of our aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

Answer 1st Our Meetings for Worship & discipline are attended by the greater part of our Members, the hour mostly observed, sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour generally guarded against. ——

2d Many are preserved in love & unity, tho' it is not so fully maintained by all as Truth requires, detraction in a good degree guarded against, where differences have arisen, care hath been taken to end them. ——

3- There are a considerable number endeavouring to bring up those under their care in plainness, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to be good examples herein themselves, while a sorrowful deviation is apparent in others; the holy scriptures frequently read in our families. - - ----

4th Friends are mostly careful to avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous Liquors, likewise frequenting taverns & places of publick resort, except in a few instances in one Meeting, where care hath been taken, we know not but clear in the other part of this Query. - --

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected & their necessities relieved, their Children partake of Learning, none placed from among friends. -

6th Many friends are engaged in a watchful care that company keeping on account of Marriage, be conducted agreeably to this query, while a remissness is apparent in others, there being several instances under notice of disorderly company keeping & marriage. - - - ---

7th Clear as far as appears. - ---

9th Clear. --

10th Clear. - --

11th Marriages recorded, some deficiencies in recording births, & Deaths, & there are a few exceptions as to Certificates, which are under notice. - -

12th Care is taken to deal with offenders, measurably in the manner queried after, and judgment placed according to discipline. - -

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich the 2d of the 7th month 1805. -

The representatives for Sandwich are Chloe Gifford & Sarah Gifford, Pembroke Alice Rogers, Nantucket Anna Spooner & Elizabeth Black, Dartmouth Sarah Mosher & Desire Howland, Acoaxet Sarah Cowie & Martha Gifford, New Bedford Eunice Russell, Lydia Wing & Mary Howland. Nantucket Northern district, Sarah Hussey, Elizabeth Barker & Eunice Mitchell, all present except one for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assigned. - -

The assistant Clerk being absent, Eunice Mitchel is appointed for this time. - --

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report their attendance; We have received accounts with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th queries from all the Monthly Meetings, composing this, which with the Queries have been read; This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon. — Met agreeable to adjournment, the representatives present that attended the preceeding sitting except one. — — —

We have received extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia & New York, containing Weighty & Seasonable Counsel which have been read to our Edification, and with the solemn Covering shed over the Meeting, the Language hath been adopted, what shall we render unto thee O Lord for all thy benefits; The above mentioned extracts & Epistles are directed to be forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings; The business being accomplish'd we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 10th month at Sandwich; Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 4th of 10th mo. 1805. The representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Swift, Lydia Weaks, & Deborah Boarman, Pembroke Priscilla Ellis & Alice Rogers, Nantucket Susanna Bunker & Rose Macy, Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker, and Anna Eddy; Acoaxet Sarah Soule, Lydia Brownell & Jemima Wing, New Bedford Experience Shearman, Amey Proud & Elizabeth Rotch Jun.r Nantucket Northern District Elizabeth Gardner & Elizabeth Austin, all present except one for whose absence Satisfactory reasons were given, the assistant Clerk being absent, Lydia Gardner is appointed for this time. — — —

We have received accounts from all the Monthly Meetings hereto belonging, with answers to the 1st 2d & 12th Queries, which with the queries have been read. — The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted at New Bedford in the 12mo. next. — —

Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland. Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich 13th of 12th Month 1805. The Representatives for Sandwich are Abigail Wing & Phebe Wing, Pembroke Lydia Brown, Nantucket none Dartmouth Hannah Smith, Hannah Tucker & Patience Howland, Aconxet Catharine Kirby, Elizabeth Austin & Martha Gifford, New Bedford Lydia Bunker, Rhoda Howland & Ruth Davis, Nantucket Northern District Jedida Barker and Eunice Mitchel, all present except those from Nantucket, who were prevented attending by Contrary Winds. — — —

We have received accounts with answers to the usual three queries from all the Monthly Meetings constituting this (except from Nantucket South Meeting) which with the Queries have been read. And we have been tenderly advised to more diligence in the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and not to suffer the outward concerns of life so to occupy our Minds as to let the Houses of God lie waste, but to endeavour above all things to be cloathed with that armour which will enable us to make War in Righteousness, whereby our souls enemies may be Scattered. - - We are informed from Westport Monthly Meeting, that they have proposed Esther Newell to the Station of an Elder, the consideration of Which is refered to Next Quarter. -

The business being accomplished, we conclude to meet again if permitted at New Bedford in the 3d month next. - -

Signed on behalf of the aforesaid Meeting by

Mary Howland Clerk

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 28th of 3d mo 1806. Representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Wing 2d Mary Wing 3d Pembroke Sarah Otis & Elizabeth Rogers, Nantucket - - Dartmouth Ruth Davis, Lucy Howland, & Phebe Tucker, Westport Sarah Baker, Martha Gifford & Esther Newitt, New Bedford Rhoda Howland Lydia Wing, Sylvia Grinnell & Experience Shearman, Nantucket Northern district - - - —— - - Several prevented by the inclemency of the Weathe

The year having expired since the Clerk & assistant were appointed Mary Rotch & Lydia Russell are chosen for the ensuing year. - - - -

We have received accounts with Answers to the Queries from our Respective Monthly Meetings, except those on Nantucket which have been detained

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by unfavourable Winds. — A summary being collected with an account to the Yearly Meeting, are to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Howland, Patience Austen, Sarah Howland, Phebe Tucker & Lucy Howland. — The proposal from Westport respecting the appointment of Esther Hewitt to the Station of an Elder, refered at our last Quarterly Meeting, having been deliberately considered is again refered. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 7th md next at Nantucket

To the Yearly Meeting of Women friends to be held on Rhode Island
Dear Friends

We have prepared answers to the Queries which we believe descriptive of the state of our Meeting, and appoint Mary Howland, Patience Austin, Sarah Howland, Phebe Tucker & Lucy Howland our Representatives — We have received extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also transcripts of Epistles from those of London, Philadelphia & New York. — —

Signed by direction of our Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford for Sandwich 3d md 28th 1806

Mary Rotch Clerk

Answer 1st Our meetings for worship & discipline are generally attended by most friends, although there appears a slackness in others, for which care hath been extended; several Meetings not held, owing to the severity of the Weather, — the hour generally observed, mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour. — — — —

2d Love & unity in a good degree maintained Amongst us, detraction Mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen, care hath been taken to end them — —

3d There is a concern amongst friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness, to restrain them from unprofitable reading, & from the corrupt conversation of the World, endeavouring to be examplary herein themselves, while some others fall short in these important duties. —

The holy scriptures generally read in friends families. — —

4th We know not but clear of the unnecessary use of Spiritous liquors, mostly clear of frequenting taverns & places of public resort and we believe moderation & temperance are preserved at births, Marriages and burials. - - -

5th Care is taken of the poor, their Children also partake of learning, none placed from amongst friends. - - -

6th Generally careful respecting company keeping on account of Marriage, some instances excepted which are under Notice; friends mostly discountenance disorderly marriages. - - - -

7th We know not but clear

8th Friends endeavor to be careful in each part of this query.

9th Clear. - - - - - -

10th We know not but clear in these respects. -

11th Marriages are all recorded, some omission of births & deaths, not all clear as to certificates which are under Notice. - - -

12th There is a concern to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness, and to place judgment when necessary according to discipline. - - - -

A a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket for Sandwich 7th month 1st 1806. -

Representatives for Sandwich Phebe Wing & Elizabeth Swift, Pembroke Lydia Brown & Alice Rogers, Nantucket Abial Barney, Lydia Macy, & Susanna Bunker, Dartmouth Sarah Mosier & Deborah Howland, Westport Sarah Soule, Sarah Wing, & Elizabeth Austin. New Bedford Abigail Howland, Amy Greene, Sylvia Greenhill & Grace Wing.
Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Gardner 2d, Sarah Barker & Eunice Mitchell, present except two, who are prevented by indisposition. Two representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance and satisfactory reasons for the absence of others have been received. -

We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the three usual Queries; - The proposal from Westport being again considered without a satisfactory evidence of the propriety of proceeding it is concluded safest to dismiss it. - Amy Greene, Lydia Brown, Elizabeth Gardner, Elizabeth Swift, Deborah Howland, Elizabeth Austin & Huldah Barney are appointed to join a Committee of men friends in considering the propriety of holding our Quarterly Meeting in the 3 month on Nantucket.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met by adjournment — Representatives present, Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting & transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York have been read to satisfaction, & the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings. — We unite with the Mens Meeting in approving the public appearances in the line of the Ministry of Benjamin Mitchell, and also in the appointment of Samuel Macy to the Station of an Elder. Our friend Dorcas Gardner hath in a feeling manner spread before us a concern to pay a religious Visit to friends in Virginia & some parts of North Carolina producing a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting which being united with, an endorsement is directed to be signed by the Clerk. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th mo next at Sandwich.

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 3d of 10th mo 1806

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, Mary Lake & Mehitable Wing; Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers & Abigail Keen Nantucket Sarah Coffin Jr & Anna Macy, Dartmouth Mary Tucker Desire Howland & Anna Bowman, Westport Hannah Allen Lydia Russell & Hannah Macumber; New Bedford Patience Austin, Rhoda Howland, Experience Sherman & Lydia Russell Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Gardner, Sarah Mitchell & Susanna Gardner, present except one who is prevented by indisposition

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings with Answers to the three usual Queries.

Our friends James Davis & John Russell Davis laid before this Meeting their concern to pay a Religious Visit to friends in the outhern States, producing certificates from New Bedford Monthly Meeting which being solidly considered, they are left at liberty to pursue the prospect and endorsements are directed to be signed by the Clerk. — — — —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th mo next at New Bedford

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford the 12th of 12th month 1806. Representatives for Sandwich Anna Wing and Mary Wing 4th Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Lydia Brown; Nantucket Elizabeth Black, Elizabeth Barney & Rachel Folger 2d Dartmouth Hannah Tucker, Sarah Wood 2d & Phebe Easton; Westport Sarah Sowle Jemima Wing & Susanna Baker; New Bedford Amy Greene, Elizabeth Rodman & Rose Davis; Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Barker & Mary Folger, present except one who is prevented by indisposition Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings with Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th Queries. — We conclude to Meet again if permitted in the 3d month at New Bedford. — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 27th of 3 month 1807. — — Representatives for Sandwich Rebecca Wing & Content Wing, Pembroke Lydia Brown, Nantucket Mary Clisby, Rose Macy & Susannah Bunker, Dartmouth Freelove Gifford, Hannah Tucker & Lucy Howland, Westport Esther Nevvett, Martha Gifford & Sarah Baker 2d New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Ruth Davis & Mary Card, Nantucket Northern District Sarah Hussey & Eunice Mitchell, present except two who are prevented by indisposition. — The time having expired for which the Clerk & assistant were chosen Mary Rotch & Eunice Mitchell are appointed for the ensuing year. — The queries have been read with Answers from our respective Monthly Meetings, & a Summary being collected therefrom is with an account to the yearly
meeting to be forwarded by our Representatives Mary Howland, Elizabeth Swift, Jedida Mosier, Martha Gifford, Sarah Hussey, & Eunice Mitchell. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 6th month next at Nantucket. — — —

Answer 1st Our Meetings for Worship & Discipline are generally attended by most friends although there appears a Slackneſs in others for which some care hath been extended. Several Meetings not kept up owing to severity of the Weather, the hour generally observed, Mostly preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour therein.

2d Love & Unity in a good degree maintained amongst us, detraction mostly guarded against, when differences have arisen care hath been taken to end them. — — —

3d There is a Concern among friends to bring up those under their direction in plainneſs, to restrain them from unprofitable reading & the corrupt conversation of the World, and to endeavour to be exemplary herein themselves, while some others fall short in these important duties; the holy Scriptures generally read in friends families. —

4th We know not but clear of the unneceſsary use of Spiritous liquors, mostly clear of frequenting taverns & places of public resort, & we believe moderation & temperance are preserved at Births, Marriages and Burials. —

5th Care is taken of the poor, their Children also partake of learning none placed from amongst Friends. —

6th Generally careful respecting complying or joining on account of Marriage, some instances excepted, which are under Notice, friends mostly discountenance disorderly Marriages. — —

7th We know not but clear. — — —

8th Friends endeavour to be careful in each part of this Query.

9th Clear. — — —

10th We know not but clear in these respects. — — — —

11 Marriages are all recorded, some omiſsion of Births & Deaths, not all clear as to Certificates, which are under Notice

12th There is a Concern to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekneſs, & to place judgment when neceſsary according to discipline.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket
30th of 6th mo. 1807. Representatives for Sandwich Lydia Weeks &
Sarah Gifford 3d Pembroke Lydia Brown. Nantucket Sarah Barnard
Sarah Barker & Naomi Chase. Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Deborah How-
land & Patience Shepherd. Westport Sarah Smith. Elizabeth Austen &
Hannah Mackumber. New Bedford Patience Austen, Lydia Wing,
Ruth Swain & Rhoda Howland. Nantucket Northern district
Hepsibah Russell & Lydia Mitchell, present except one. — —

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report their attendance
except one, who was prevented by indisposition. We adjourn to the
4th hour this afternoon. — Met by adjournment representatives
present. — We have received accounts from our respective Monthly
Meetings which with the Queries & answers to the usual three have
been read. — — Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings
of London, Philadelphia & New York have been read at the present
opportunity. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 10th month
next at Sandwich. — — —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich
10th month 2d 1807.

Representatives for Sandwich Abigail Wing & Mary Wing 4th
Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Sarah Otis. Nantucket Rose Macy,
Susanna Bunker & Elizabeth Barney. Dartmouth Mary Tucker
Anna Eddy & Sarah Buffington. Westport Jemima Wing, Susanna Mackumber
Sarah Baker. New Bedford Lydia Wing, Abigail Howland & Lydia Hatch.
Nantucket Northern District Elizabeth Gardner, Lydia Worth & Mary Folger
all present. — We have received accounts from our respective Monthly
Meetings, which with the Queries & answers to the 1st 2d & 12th have
been read. — — A communication from our friend Mary Mitchell
accompanied by some remarks on the Qualification & work of an Elder
in the Church, have been read we hope to edification, & Copies are directed
to be distributed to our several Monthly Meetings. —

We

We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 12th mo next at New Bedford. ———

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held at New Bedford 12th month 8th 1807.

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift & Mary Wing 4th. Pembroke Lydia Brown & Avis Stein. Nantucket Deborah Barker, Susanna Bunker, Rose Macy & Rachel Folger Dartmouth Ruth Davis Elizabeth Howland & Mercy Wing. Acoaxet Sarah Cole, Susanna Baker & Catharine Kirby. New Bedford Sarah Wing Anna Hazard & Amy Greene. Nantucket northern district Elizabeth Gardner, Elizabeth Austin & Deborah Brayton. Three absent for which Satisfactory reasons have been given.— Accounts from the several Monthly Meetings constituting this have been read with the Queries and Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th — — We are informed from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, that they approve of the Public Appearances in the line of the Ministry of Lydia Gardner, which is United with in this Meeting. It is concluded by the women's Meeting that all our Quarterly Meetings be held in future at the 11th hour except at Nantucket.— A general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of friends in London containing very instructive advice hath been read at the present opportunity.— We conclude to meet again if permitted in 3 month next at New Bedford. ———

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New-Bedford 3 month 25th 1808

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Phebe Wing.— Pembroke Sarah Otis & Lydia Brown. Nantucket southern district Hepsibah Barney & Mary Clisby. Dartmouth Lucy Howland, Phebe Tucker & Sarah Slocum. Acoaxet Hannah Peckham Phebe Sowle & Lydia Brownell.— New Bedford Experience Sherman

Mary Howland & Lydia Wing. Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Gardner & Rachel Swain, all present; The time having expired for which the Clerk & Aſsistant were chosen; Mary Rotch & Deborah Davis are appointed for the present Year. — We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries, a Summary of which we forward with an account to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Rhoda Tucker, Elizabeth Mitchel, Sarah Ruſsell Dorcas Gardner, Phebe Wing & Lydia Brownell, The Mens Meeting inform that they approve of the public appearances in the Ministry, of Benjamin Percival, which is concurred with in this. — —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 6th month next at Nantucket. ———

Answer 1st. Our Meetings for Worship & discipline are generally attended by a considerable part of our Members, altho' remiſsneſs in this important duty is apparent, for which some care has been extended, the hour observed, Mostly preserved from Sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour.

2d. A considerable number amongst us are concerned to maintain Love & Unity, & to guard against detraction, but all are not sufficiently careful in these respects, where differences arise, endeavours are used to end them.

3d. Some friends endeavor to educate those under their care in plainneſs though not always attended with succeſs, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the World & to be examplary themselves, The holy Scriptures are read in friends families.

4th. Friends are generally careful in each part of this Query. —

5th The neceſsities of the poor we think are relieved, care is extended toward the Education of their Children; none placed from amongst friends.

6th. Where disorderly company keeping hath occurred, care hath been extended, Many friends discountenance disorderly Marriages. —

7th. Clear.

8th Friends mostly careful in each part of this Query.

9th Clear. — — —

10th Mostly clear. — — —

11th Generally clear in these respects.

12th Offenders we think are dealt with agreeably to the query and judgment placed according to discipline. — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held held at Nantucket 6th month 28th 1808

Representatives for Sandwich Mehitable Kelly, Rose Kelly & Elizabeth Swift. Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers. — Nantucket Sarah Barker, Lydia Macy & Lydia Mitchell. Dartmouth Sarah Buffington, Deborah Howland & Hannah Sherman. Acoaxet Sarah Sowle, Sarah Wing & Patience Howland. New Bedford Rhoda Howland & Bethiah Russell. Nantucket Northern district Lois Barney, Keziah Gardner & Lydia Worth. for the absence of three we have received satisfactory reasons.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with the Queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th have been read. The represen=tatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance except one who forwarded a satisfactory reason for her absence. We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon. Met by adjournment — representatives present. — This Meeting, with the concurrence of Men friends unites with the judgment of the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket Northern district in the appointment of Elizabeth Mitchell to the station of an Elder. — Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York have been read to satisfaction. We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sand=wich 10th month 7th 1808. — Representatives for Sandwich

Deborah Hoxie & Phebe Wing. — Pembroke Priscilla Ellis & Avis Keene. Nantucket Abigail Macy, Merab Bunker & Lydia Macy 2d Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Desire Howland and Rhoda Tucker. Acoaxet Sarah Sowle & Jemima Wing. — New Bedford Amy Greene Zeruiah Smith, Deborah Davis & Mary Wing. Nantucket Northern district Elizabeth Gardner & Mary Folger, present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been offered. — We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, which with the queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 12th have been read. — — We are informed from the Mens Meeting that as the Monthly Meeting at Pembroke sometimes occurs in the same Week of our Quarterly Meeting, they have concurred with their request, that on such occasions it should be held the preceding week, with which we unite. We propose to meet again if permitted in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th month 9th 1808. — Representatives for Sandwich Anna Wing & Elizabeth Kelley. — Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers & Avis Keen, Dartmouth Ruth Davis, Phebe Tucker, & Sarah Wood 2d Acoaxet Sarah Sowle, Catharine Kirby & Susanna Baker. — New Bedford Rose Davis, Lydia Grinnell & Elizabeth Rotch Junr all present, those from Nantucket are prevented attending by unfavourable Winds. — We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings except Nantucket which with the queries & Answers to the usual three have been read. We conclude to meet again if permitted in 3 month next at New Bedford. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 3 month 24th 1809. — Representatives for Sandwich Phebe Wing & Content Wing. — Pembroke Abigail Keene & Lydia Brown. Dartmouth Sarah Bowen, Phebe Easton and Hannah Tucker. —

Nantucket Rachel Paddock & Anna Spooner. Acoaxet Sarah Baker, Esther Newell & Phebe Anthony. New Bedford Anna Hazard, Experience Sherman & Lydia Wing. Nantucket Northern district Susanna Gardner & Mary Coffin, present except one, who is prevented by indisposition. The time having expired for which the Clerk & Assistant were chosen, Mary Rotch & Deborah Davis are appointed for the ensuing year. Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with the Queries & Answers have been read, and a Summary being collected is with an account to the Yearly Meeting to be forwarded by our Representatives Lydia Mitchel, Elizabeth Rodman, Margaret Gardner, Eunice Mitchel, Judith Macy & Deborah Rowland. Our friend Mary Barker expressed a concern to visit some Meetings in the State of New York, & a prospect of attending the Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia; producing a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting which is united with in this, & the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 6th month next at Nantucket. — —

Answer 1st. Many are careful to attend all our Meetings, yet a deficiency is apparent in others, for which some care hath been extended, the hour generally observed, & mostly clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour.

2d Love & Unity are in a good degree maintained, detraction measurably guarded against, & where differences have arisen care hath been taken to end them. — — —

3d Some endeavour to educate those under their care in plainness (tho the simplicity of our Profession is apparently deviated from) and to guard them from pernicious reading & unprofitable company & to be examplary themselves. The holy Scriptures are read in friends families. — — —

4th Friends mostly careful in each part of this Query. — —

5th There is a care extended towards the poor in each part of this query; none placed from amongst friends. — — —

6th Some friends are concerned to discharge themselves towards those under their care in the several parts of this query, yet there are exceptions of Company keeping, wherein care is extended. — — —

7th Clear, — — —

8th Clear, — — —

9th Clear, — — —

10th Clear except in one instance under Notice;

11th Marriages are generally recorded, some deficiencies in Births and Deaths, not wholly clear as to Certificates. — —

12th Offenders we believe are regularly dealt with, & judgment placed when it appears necessary, agreeable to discipline.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket 6th month 27th 1809. — —

Representatives for Sandwich Sarah Gifford 2d & Phebe Percival, Pembroke none. Nantucket Elizabeth Black, Abigail Macy, & Alice Barnard. Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker Sarah [illegible] & Desire Howland. Acoaxet Susanna Macomber, Elizabeth Austin & Martha Gifford. New Bedford Phebe Parker, Lydia King & Rebecca Hall, Nantucket Northern district, Elizabeth Joy, Lydia Mitchell & Mary Folger. all present.

Pembroke Monthly Meeting informs that no friend appeared to attend the Quarterly Meeting as representative

Three representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance and the others have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon. Met near the time adjourned to. — Representatives present. — —

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings, with the queries and Answers to the Usual three have been read. - This Meeting with the concurrence of Men friends unites with the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting northern district in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Mary Bisby; Also with that of the Monthly Meeting of New Bedford in the appointment of Rhoda Howland & Mary Howland to the Station of Elders. - We are informed from the Mens Meeting of the appointment of Robert Brayton to the Station of an Elder, which is united with in this. - - We have had at this time the company of our friends Esther Griffin & Hannah Field from Purchase; With that of our friend Anna Merrit from Ninepartners producing Certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of Unity with them in their present engagement whose Gospel labours amongst us have been truly acceptable and instructive. - The Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on their Certificates conformable to this Minute. -

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York, and extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read. - -

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th month next at Sandwich. -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th month 6th 1809. - Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing Phebe Wing & Abigail Wing. - Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Elizabeth Rogers. - Nantucket Rose Macy & Sarah Coffin. - Dartmouth Sarah Howland, Freelove Gifford & Phebe Tucker, Acoaxet Sarah Sowle, Lydia Brownell, and Hannah Mackumber. - New Bedford. Rhoda Howland Mary Howland & Sarah Wing. - Nantucket Northern district Phebe Coleman & Ann Hussey, all present. - -

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent Deborah Davis is appointed for the day. – Acoaxet Monthly Meeting propose Ester Newell & Patience Howland to the Station of Elders which is refered to the consideration of our next Quarterly Meeting. We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th month 8th 1809. – – Representatives for Sandwich, Cloe Gifford, Mary Wing 3d & Mehetable Kelly. – Pembroke Lydia Brown & Alice Rogers. – Nantucket Susanna Bunker, Mary Barker & Rose Macy Dartmouth Lucy Howland, Elizabeth Howland & Mary Tucker. – Acoaxet Jemima Wing, Susanna Baker & Esther Newell. – New Bedford Rose Davis, Elizabeth Rotch Junr & Rhoda Howland. – Nantucket northern district Lydia Hussey, Sally Russell & Deborah Brayton. – Present except two who have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence. – – –

Accounts from our Monthly Meetings, with the Queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read. – The proposal from Acoaxet Monthly Meeting for the appointment of Esther Newell & Patience Howland to the Station of Elders is refered to the consideration of our next Quarterly Meeting. – We unite with the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern district in approving the Public appearances in the Ministry of Elizabeth Barker. Also with that of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susanna Bunker to the Station of an Elder, having the concurrence of the Mens Meeting. Mary Barker is desired to communicate this information to the Select Meeting. – Ruth Davis, Mary Howland, Rhoda Howland & Lydia Rotch are appointed to join a Committee of Men friends in visiting the Monthly Meeting of Acoaxet. – –

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 3 month next at New Bedford. –

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 3 month 23-1810. — Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing 2d & Rebecca Wing. Pembroke Lydia Brown & Alice Rogers. — Dartmouth Rhoda Tucker, Mary Tucker & Ruth Smith. — Acoaxet Sarah Baker, Lydia Brownell & Mary Brownell. New Bedford Anna Hazzard, Patience Austin, Sylvia Grinnell & Experience Sherman, all present

The choice of a Clerk being refered to our next Quarterly Meeting, Mary Rotch is appointed for this time, & Rebecca Wing assistant Clerk. — The Queries & answers has been read, with accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings except those on Nantucket which have been detained by contrary Winds. —

The proposal from Acoaxet respecting the appointment of Patience Howland to the station of an Elder, having been revived it is concluded best to dismiss it for the present; and to unite in the appointment of Esther Newell to that station. — —

We are informed from Pembroke Monthly Meeting that they propose Tabitha Bailey for the place of an Elder with which we unite, having in both cases the concurrence of the mens Meeting

The Committee appointed to visit the Monthly Meeting of Acoaxet report that they have thought best to submit to the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting the propriety of annexing their Select Meeting to that of Ministers & Elders for Dartmouth & New Bedford Monthly Meetings, which proposal is united with. — A summary from the Answers to the Queries, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our Representatives, Mary Howland, Lydia Russell, Mary Wing 3d & Patience Howland. — Our friend Elisha Thornton having produced a Minute from New Bedford Monthly Meeting expressive of a concern to attend the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York it is united with in this, & the Clerk directed to sign an indorsement thereon. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 6th month next at Nantucket. — — — —

Answer 1st. Our Meetings for Worship & discipline have been attended by the greater part of our members, although some deficiency in that important duty is apparent. wherein care is extended. the hour nearly observed, generally preserved from sleeping & other unbecoming behaviour. —

2d. Love & Unity measurably maintained among us, detraction not enough guarded against; Where differences have arisen Care hath been taken to end them. — ——

3d. There are a Number concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from reading pernicious books, & from the Corrupt conversation of the world, who are examplary herein; yet we have sorrowfully to observe many deviations among the Youth inconsistent with the simplicity of our profession. The holy scriptures frequently read in friends families. - -

4th. Friends are generally careful in the use of Spiritous Liquors, not altogether clear of frequenting places of public resort, we think a good degree of Moderation is preserved at Births, Marriages & on other Occasions

5th. The circumstances of the poor, are inspected, & their Necessities measurably relieved, mostly careful that their Children should partake of learning; None placed from among friends. — — -

6th. Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings respecting Marriage be conformable to discipline; altho' there are some exceptions wherein care is taken. — — — —

7th. We know of no deficiency in either part of this Query. — ——

8th. Generally careful in these respects, as far as appears. — — ——

9th. Marriages duly recorded, some deficiency in Births & Deaths clear as to Certificates, except in a few instances: under Notice. —

10th. Care is taken to deal regularly with offenders, & Judgment placed where it appears necessary according to discipline. — — — —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket 6th month 26th 1810. Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift and Hanna Gifford, - Pembroke Lydia Brown: Nantucket Merab Bunker, Rebecca Folger, Anna Macy, Mary Barnard, - Acoaxet Esther Nevill, Patience Howland & Hannah Macomber. - New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Sarah Russell, Lydia Bunker & Experience Sherman Nantucket northern district. Elizabeth Barker & Susanna Gardner present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

The representatives propose Eunice Mitchel & Sarah Russell for Clerk & assistant, which is united with, & they are appointed for the ensuing year. - - The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance except one, who has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence. - - Adjourn'd to the 4th hour this afternoon

Met near the time adjourned to, - Representatives present. -

We have received accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings which with the queries and answers to the usual three have been read.

We have had at this time the company of our friend Sarah Hull from Stanford Monthly Meeting (State of New York) producing a satisfactory Certificate therefrom, whose company has been acceptable, & her gospel labours truly instructive, & the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement conformable to this Minute. - -

A transcript of the London Epistle has been read. - - -

The business being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 10th mo next at Sandwich. - -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Sandwich 10th month 5th 1810. - - Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift & Rebecca Wing. - Pembroke Alice Rogers. Abigail Ven. - Nantucket Susanna Bunker, Anna Macy, Judith Paddock Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker, Hannah Shearman.

Acoaxet. Mary Brownell, Patience Howland, Patience Davis, New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Lydia Wing, Eunice Russel, Mary Howland. Nantucket Northern district. Elizabeth Gardner, Sarah ^Eunice Mitchel^ Mitchel, present except one who was prevented by indisposition. — The assistant Clerk being absent, Rebecca Wing is appointed for the day. — — Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received which with the Queries & answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read. — — Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and New York have been read to satisfaction, & the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings. — We conclude to meet again, if permitted in the 12th month next at New Bedford. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th month 14th 1810. — Representatives for Sandwich Mary Wing 2d Elizabeth Kelly — Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers, Avis Keen. — Nantucket Elizabeth Barney, Lydia Gardner, Sarah Coffin. — Acoaxet Phebe Peckham, Sarah Baker, Esther Hewett, — Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Elizabeth Howland, Sarah Slocum. New Bedford Amy Green & Rose Davis, Sarah Allen. — — Nantucket Northern district Eunice Barnard, Mary Folger, present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given. The Clerk being absent Sarah Russell is appointed for the day. — — Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings have been received which with the Queries & Answers to the usual three have been read. —

A Testimony concerning our beloved friend Mary Mitchel who departed this life 26th of 6th month 1810 in the 78th Year of her age; was handed us from Nantucket Northern district, read ^&^ approved, and we trust living desires have been raised in Many to follow her pious example. — — — The business being accomplished we conclude to Meet again if permitted in the 3d month next at New Bedford. — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 3 mo 29th 1811. — The Clerk being absent [illegible] is appointed for the day, and Elizabeth Slack assistant. — — —

Representatives for Sandwich, Phebe Wing & Rebecah Wing. Pembroke, Tabathy Bailey & Alice Rogers. Nantucket, Sarah Coffin, Jemima Paddock, and Elizabeth Blacks. Dartmouth, Lucy Howland, Lucretia Tucker & Tabitha Gifford. Acoaxet, Martha Gifford, Ruth Briggs & Esther Newell. — New Bedford. Rhoda Howland, Mary Card, & Sarah Wing. Nantucket north district. Merab Gardner & Phebe Easton, — present — —

The queries & answers have been read, with accounts from our several Monthly Meetings, from which a summary is collected, & with an account to the yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our Representatives. — Alice Rogers Elizabeth Barker, Mary Howland, Phebe Wing & Anna Hazard, — — — —

A proposition from men friends to alter the time of holding our Quarterly Meeting to the first fifth day in the 4th 7th & 12th month was after being consider'd United with in this Meeting.

The London printed Epistle containing much salutary counsel was read at the present opportunity.

The buſineſs being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th mo next at Nantucket. —

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held on Nantucket 7th mo 2d 1811. —

The representatives propose Mary Rotch for Clerk & Sarah Ruſsell aſsistant Clerk which being united with, they are appointed for the ensuing year. — — Representatives for Sandwich Sarah Gifford 2d & Susanna Swift. Pembroke Tabitha Bailey & Priscilla Ellis. — Nantucket. Lydia Swain, Lydia Macy 2d

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& Abigail Macy. — Dartmouth. Tabitha Gifford & Deborah Howland. Acoaxet Martha Gifford & Ruth Mosher. — Nantucket northn District. Sarah Hussey & Deborah Bray jun. — New Bedford, Lydia Coffin, Mary Howland & Lydia Taber present except one who has forwarded a satisfactory reason for her absence.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance except two who were prevented by indisposition. — —

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings with the Queries & answers to the 1st 2d & 10th — have been read.

We unite with the judgment of the mens Meeting in approving the appointment made by Sandwich Monthly meeting of Abial Akin to the Station of an Elder. We adjourn to the 4th hour this Afternoon.

Met by adjournment representatives present. We unite with the judgment of Pembroke Monthly Meeting in approving the Ministry of Avis Keen; also with that of the Monthly Meeting of Sandwich in the appointment of Deborah Davis to the station of an Elder, having in both cases the concurrence of the Mens Meeting, Mary Howland is desired to inform the Select Meeting thereof. — Our friend Mary Barker hath in a feeling manner opened a concern to pay a religious visit to friends and others in some parts of the Southern & Middle States producing a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting — the subject having claimed the consideration of this Meeting is United with, and the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement on her Certificate; and our friend Lydia Gardner having feelingly expressed a concern to accompany her, producing also a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, it is united with & the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement thereon. —

We are informed from the mens Meeting that they unite with a proposal from Nantucket monthly Meeting, that it should be held on the last 5th day in each month, and that it is also concluded that Nantucket Monthly Meeting for the Northern district be held in future on the 4th day preceding the last 5th day in each month. — — —

Our friend John Bailey having laid before us a concern to pay a religious visit to some Meetings within the limits of all the yearly

Meetings

Meetings on this Continent with a Certificate of concurrence from Pembroke monthly Meeting; it is united with and the Clerk directed to sign an endorsement. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia & New York, and extracts from the Minutes of our last yearly Meeting containing instructive advice have been read. —

Mary Howland & Lydia Rotch are appointed to join a Committee of Men friends in preparing endorsements.

Our friend Susanna Horne from Great Britain hath produced Certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Tottenham, the Quarterly Meeting of London & Middlesex, and the Yearly Meeting of Minister & Elders held in London expressive of Unity & sympathy with her in her prospect of a religious visit on this Continent, whose company & Gospel labours amongst us have been truly acceptable & encouraging. — Our friend Mary Allinson her companion hath produced a copy of a Minute from Burlington Monthly Meeting Uniting with her in her present engagement as an Elder in good esteem, whose company hath been acceptable to us at this time. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th mo. Next at Sandwich. — — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th mo. 3d 1811. — — —

Representatives for Sandwich Abigail Wing & Mehitable Kelley — Pembroke, Tabitha Bailey & Phebe Percival Nantucket Meriam Coffin, Anna Macy & Abigail Macy. Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Sarah Potter & Lucretia Tucker, Acoaxet Esther [illegible] & [illegible] Brightman, New Bedford, Rhoda Howland, Lydia Wing & Experience Shearman, Nantucket No. District, Mary Folger & Anna Mitchell. — present except two who have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence. The Clerks being absent Rebecca Wing is appointed & [illegible] assistant for the day.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings with the Queries & answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th mo next at New Bedford. — — — —

Sandwich quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 5th 1811

Representatives for Sandwich; Cloe Gifford & Rebecca Wing. — Pembroke Alice Rogers & Avis Keene. Nantucket Anna Spooner & Lydia Barney Dartmouth Ruth Smith, Mary Tucker & Jedidah Mosier. — Acoaxet Sarah & Martha Gifford. — New Bedford. Mary Card, Rose Davis, Bethia Russell & Silvia Grinnell. Present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given. — The Queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th have been read with accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, except that from Nantucket northern District; which tho' forwarded with usual care is by some accident Missing; We unite with the judgment of the mens Meeting in approving a proposal from Sandwich for altering the time of holding their Monthly Meetings — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th mo next at New Bedford. — —

Sandwich quarterly meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 4th mo 2d 1812. Representatives for Sandwich. Martha Bowerman & Deborah Moxie. Pembroke Lydia Brown & Elizabeth Rogers. Dartmouth. Mary Wood, Lucy Howland & Ruth Davis. Nantucket. Deborah Swain & Phebe Hussey — Acoaxet Martha Gifford, Patience Howland & Hannah Macomber. — Nantucket northern District. [illegible] & Judith Hussey — New Bedford Elizabeth Rotch Jun; Sarah Wing, Lydia Wing & Amy Greene, present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with the Queries and answers have been read, and general Answers being prepared they are with an account to the Yearly Meeting to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Card, Ruth Davis, Elizabeth Mitchell, Avis Keene, Esther Hewett, Sarah Hussey & Patience Rowland. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 7mo next at Nantucket

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket 2d of 7th mo 1812 — Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Kelly, Hannah Gifford — Pembroke Lydia Brown & Phebe Percival — Dartmouth. Sarah Howland, Anna Gifford & Lucy Sherman. — Nantucket Lydia Macy, Elizabeth Swain, Elizabeth Rush & Elizabeth Mitchell. — Acoaxet Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Austin & Rebecca Brightman — New Bedford Lydia King, Susan Russell & Lydia Crocker. Nantucket northern District Susanna Gardner & Merab Gardner. all present. —

The representatives propose Anna Mitchell for Clerk and Elizabeth Swain for assistant Clerk, which being united with they are appointed for the day. — Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given. — Mary Swain having recently been disowned by Nantucket Monthly Meeting and being dissatisfied with the decision, has appealed to this Meeting; Phebe King, Lydia Brown, Sarah Hussey, Elizabeth Gardner, Anna Gardner & Phebe Percival are appointed to take said appeal into consideration & report when ready. Adjourned to the 5th hour this afternoon. — —

Met by adjournment, representatives present. —

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with the Queries & three answers have been read. — — —

From our last Yearly Meetings Minutes Extracts & transcripts of the London Philadelphia & New York Epistles have been read to our edification; & are directed to be forwarded to our respective Monthly Meetings. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 10th month next at Sandwich. — — — —

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held 10th mo 1st 1812 Representatives for Sandwich Sarah Gifford, &

& Rebecca Wing – Pembroke Abigail Keene & Tabitha Bailey – Nantucket Sarah Coffin, Lydia B. Gardner & Jemima Paddock – Westport. Sarah Baker Elizabeth Austin & Patience Howland – Dartmouth Hannah Smith Tabitha Gifford, Rhoda Tucker – New Bedford. Elizabeth Rotch Jun^r. Mary Howland, Grace Davis & Mary Wing. Nantucket North District – Mary Folger, Anna Mitchell present except one who was prevented by the severity of the weather. – – Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with the queries and Answers to the usual three were read.

The Committee appointed at last Quarterly Meeting on the Appeal of Meriam Rand made the following report that they attended to their appointment by meeting with her & the Committee appointed by said Meeting to represent the proceedings thereof in her case; and after given her a full hearing, & taken the facts alledged into Consideration; having the Minutes of that Meeting which resulted in her disownment before them. are unitedly of opinion that the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting ought to be confirmed. which is accepted, the Mens Meeting uniting therewith; Lydia Mitchel & Mary Clisby are appointed to inform her thereof. — The business being accomplish'd we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 12th month Next at New Bedford. — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 2. 1812.

Representatives for Sandwich Rosa Kelly, Mary Wing & Rebecca Wing. – Pembroke. Tabitha Bailey & Sarah Otis – Dartmouth – Deborah Howland Sarah Wood & Sarah Mosier – Acoaxet. – Patience Davis, Sarah Davis & Cynthia White. — New Bedford. Bethia Russell, Anna Hazard & Lydia Wing. — – Mary Rotch & Rebecca Wing are appointed Clerk & Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. – — —

The queries & Answers to the 1st 2. & 10th have been read. and accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings except those on Nantucket which have been detained by Unfavourable winds. – — — — —

The committee appointed to inform Meriam Rand that the judgment of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in her case was confirmed report that she requested the Quarterly Meeting might be informed of her intention to appeal to the Yearly Meeting. ——

A general Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of friends in London containing much instructive advice has been read. ——

The buſineſs being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th month next at New Bedford. ——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held 4th mo. 1st 1813 at New Bedford. —

Representatives for Sandwich Hulda Gifford & Elizabeth Smith Pembroke Alice Rogers. — Nantucket Hannah Hosier, Anna Tracy & Merab Bunker — Dartmouth Jediah Mosier & Rhoda Tucker Acoaxet Sarah Baker & Patience Howland, New Bedford Amy Greene, Bethia Ruſsell & Lydia Wing, Nantucket North district Eunice Barnard & Lydia Huſsey 4th all present. —

Accounts from our reſpective Monthly Meetings with the Queries & answers have been read & a summary being collected is with an account to the Yearly Meeting to be forwarded by our Representatives Ruth Davis, Mary Howland, Sarah Wood, Elizabeth Barker, Lydia Huſsey, & Merab Bunker. ———

Our friend Dorcas Gardner hath laid before us a concern with a certificate of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting in New York, and to pay a religious visit to some Meetings within its limits which is united with in this & she left at liberty to proceed in her proſpect, the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her Certificate to be prepared by the Mens Meeting.

Mary Howland, Sarah Wood, & Amy Greene are appointed to join a committee of men friends on the case of Meriam Rands intended appeal to the Yearly Meeting. — The buſineſs being accomplished we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th mo next at Nantucket. ——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Nantucket 1st of 7th mo 1813

Representatives for Sandwich Mahitable Kilby, Sarah Gifford 2d and Susanna Swift; Pembroke Alice Rogers & Keen. Nantucket Lydia Coleman Lydia Macy, & Phebe Hussey 2d – Dartmouth Desire Howland, Anna Gifford & Sukey Shearman – Acoaxet Patience Howland, Ruth Gifford & Elizabeth Tripp – New Bedford Ruth Swain Lydia Parker, Sarah Russell, Nantucket north district Meriam Fitch & Unice Mitchel, present from 5 Meetings

The Clerk & Assistant Clerk being absent Unice Mitchell & Mary Hussey are appointed for the day. – Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report their attendance, except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given. – Adjourn'd to the 4th hour this afternoon. – –

Met at the time adjourn'd to – – –

Representatives except two – accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with the Queries & three Answers have been read; We unite with the judgment of Nantucket northern District Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Merab Gardner to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of the Men. – Our friend Elizabeth Barker hath laid before us a concern with a Certificate of concurrence from Nantucket north district Mo Meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting at Baltimore & make a Religious Visit to friends & others of that place & its vicinity, the subject having claimed our serious consideration, is united with, & she left at liberty to proceed in her prospect and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement prepared by the mens Meeting

The committee appointed on the case of Miriam Rands Appeal report that she deceased previous to the Yearly Meeting. – Extracts from the minutes of last Yearly Meeting, & Transcripts of Epistles from London, Philadelphia and New York have been acceptably read, & the Clerk is directed to forward copies of each to the Monthly Meetings. – –

We conclude to meet again, if permitted in 10th mo next at Sandwich. – – – ——

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 7th 1813

Representatives for Sandwich Sarah Gifford 3d and Rebecca Wing, Pembroke Alice Rogers & Abigail Keene Nantucket Anna Macy, Abigail Macy & Hannah Hussey Dartmouth Sarah Wood, Phebe Anthony & Lucretia Tucker Acoaxet Hannah Peckham, Susanna Macomber & Patience Davis, New Bedford Lydia Wing, Rose Davis & Silvia Grinnell Nantucket Northern District; Elizabeth Gardner & Eunice Mitchel present. — Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read with the queries & Answers to the 1st 2d & 10th — Our friends Ann Smith & Sarah Tucker have attended this Meeting with Certificates of concurrence from Greenwich & Rhode Island Monthly Meetings, whose company & religious services have been satisfactory, to us.

We are informed from the Mens Meeting that they have united with a proposal from Pembroke that their Monthly Meetings be held in future on the last 5th day in each month and that their mid Week Meetings be held on the 5th day of the Week. — The London general Epistle has been read at the present time. — We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th mo next at New Bedford. — —

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 2d 1813 — — — —

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift & Mary Wing 2d Pembroke Elizabeth Rogers & Edith Little, Dartmouth Mary Tucker, Rhoda Tucker & Tabitha Gifford. — Nantucket — Deborah Gardner & Sarah Coffin, — Acoaxet Elizabeth Fish

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Esther Newell & Elizabeth Davis. - New Bedford. Anna Hazzard, Lydia Wing & Amy Greene, Nantucket North District. Lydia Fitch & Anna Hussey. — present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been given.

Mary Rotch & Rebecca Wing are appointed Clerk & assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. — — — Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with the Queries & answers to the 1st. 2d. & 10th have been read. — — — —

Our friend Mary Bonsall now on a Religious Visit to some parts of New England has attended this Meeting with Certificates of Concurrence from the Monthly & Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia whose company and religious services have been satisfactory & encouraging. — — —

The company of our friend Hannah Elliott her companion who has produced a Copy of a minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting has been acceptable to us at this time; & the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on their Certificates. — - We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th month Next at New Bedford. — — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4mo. 7th. 1814. - - - Representatives for Sandwich Mehitable Kelley & Rebecca Wing, Pembroke Alice Rogers & Phebe Percival, Nantucket Lydia Macy 2 & Lydia Barney, Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Desire Howland & Tabitha Gifford, Acoaxet Susanna Macomber & Sarah Baker 2d. - New Bedford. Mary Card, Rose Davies & Elizabeth Rotch Junr. Nantucket North District. Judith Hussey & Hepsibah Mitchell, present. - - - Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the queries, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Merab Gardner, Sarah Russell, Sarah Tucker & Elizabeth Rodman. — —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in the 7th month next at Nantucket. - - — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo: 7th 1814.—

Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Swift, Mary Akins, Hannah Gifford — Nantucket Lydia Coleman Rebecca Folger Phebe Townsend,— Pembroke Alice Rogers. Eliza Brown — Dartmouth,— Anna Slade, Sarah Allen. Mary Wood — Acoaxet — — New-Bedford Mary Card; Anna Thornton;— Nantucket No: District, Lydia Hussey 4th, Eunice Mitchell.— Present from four monthly meetings, the others were prevented by the difficulties attendant on passing by water.— The Clerk and Assistant Clerk being absent Eunice Mitchell and Mary Hussey are appointed for the day.— Two of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform they did not attend; and have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence,— from the other we have no report.— ———

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings except one with answers to the first, second and tenth Queries have been recieved.— —

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon. ——

Met by adjournment; representatives that attended the first sitting, present.— The men's meeting inform that they have united with the judgement of Nantucket Monthly meeting, No: District, in the appointment of Joseph Austin to the station of an Elder, with which we concur.— Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes, and transcripts of Epistles from London, Philadelphia and New York have been acceptably read; and the Clerk is directed to forward copies to our respective monthly meetings.— — We conclude to meet again if permitted in tenth Mo: next at Sandwich.— — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo: 6th 1814. ——

Representatives for Sandwich Grace Davis, and Elizabeth Wing, Pembroke, Priscilla Ellis & Alice Rogers. Nantucket, Susanna Bunker, Elizabeth Barney & Anna Macy.— Dartmouth, Rachel Gifford, Tabitha Gifford and Mary Wing.— Acoaxet, Esther Hewitt, Elizabeth Tripp and Rest Macomber, New-Bedford.— Bethia Russell. Rose Davis and Rhoda Howland— Nantucket No: District Merab Gardner, and Elizabeth Joy.— Present except two who have forwarded satisfactory reasons for their absence.— Accounts, with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries have been received from our respective monthly meetings except from Dartmouth which was left by mistake.- - -

We conclude to meet again, if permitted, in 12th, Mo: next at New Bedford.- -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12th Mo: 1st 1814.- - -

Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Wing 2nd and Mary Wing 2nd — . Pembroke. Tabitha Bailey and Alice Rogers. Nantucket. Elizabeth Mitchell, Judith Jones Jr and Lydia Macy 3d — Dartmouth Elizabeth Howland, Mary Tucker and Deborah Handy. - Acoaxet, - Catherine Kirby, Martha Gifford and Elizabeth Tripp.- Nantucket No: District Mary Clisby and Lydia Gardner.- New-Bedford; Ruth Swain, Esther Allen and Merab Taber.- present. except one.- - -

Mary Rotch is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year, and Sarah Russell assistant clerk for the day.- - -

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with the Queries and Answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th have been read.- We unite with the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting in the appointment of Lydia Macy 3d, and with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Howland to the station of Elders, having the concurrence of the men's meeting.— —

Mary Howland is desired to inform the Select meeting thereof.-

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th Mo: next at New-Bedford.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th Mo: 6th 1815.- —

Representatives for Sandwich Grace Davis and Chloe Gifford; Pembroke Sarah Keene and Alice Rogers. Nantucket.- Alice Barnard; Phebe Hussey and Phebe Coffin.- Dartmouth.- Mary Tucker, Roby Howland and Sarah Tucker.— Acoaxet Catherine Kirby and Peace Slaid.— New-Bedford.- Elizabeth Rotch Jr. Experience Shearman and Lydia Wing.- Nantucket no: District,- Merab Gardner and Susanna Gardner,- present.— Susan Howland is appointed assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.- Mary Howland reports she has informed the Select meeting of the appointment of Lydia Macy 3d and Elizabeth Howland to the station of elders.— - - -

Accounts have been received from our respective monthly meetings, with answers to the Queries, from which General Answers have been compiled, and with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives, Eunice Mitchell, Sarah Tucker, Elizabeth Rodman, Mary Howland, Phebe Hussey and Mary Wing 2nd.— We unite with the judgment of the men's meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Philip Dunham.— ——

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th mo: next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo: 5th 1815.— —

Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Swift and Hannah Gifford, Nantucket Phebe Coffin, Lydia Swain and Hannah Gardner, 2nd, Pembroke Alice Rogers,— Dartmouth, Deborah Handy, Tabitha Gifford, Hannah Shearman and Sarah Gifford; Westport, Esther Hewitt, Patience Davis and Ruth S. Briggs,- New-Bedford Ruth Swain, Lydia Wing, Experience Shearman, Sylvia Grinnell and Mary Green.— Nantucket no: District Rachel Swain and Judith Hussey;- present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.— The Clerk and assistant being absent, Eunice Mitchell is appointed Clerk, and Mary Hussey assistant Clerk for the day.—

The representatives to the yearly meeting report their attendance, except two, who have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.— —

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from the several monthly meetings, from which accounts have been received.—

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.— Met at the hour adjourned to, representatives present.— — —— Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, and New-York, and extracts from our last Yearly meeting's minutes have been acceptably read, and the Clerk is requested to forward copies to our respective monthly meetings.— ——

A general Epistle from the yearly meeting in London containing much instructive advice, has been read.— We conclude to meet again if permitted, in 10th Mo: next at Sandwich. —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo: 5th 1815. —

Representatives for Sandwich Chloe Gifford, Rebecca Wing and Elizabeth Wing 3d, Pembroke Phebe Percival and Sarah Keene, Nantucket, Elizabeth Mitchell, Abiel Coffin and Rebecca Folger, Dartmouth Sarah Wood and Anna Howland, Westport Anna Macomber, Barbara Gifford and Content Wing New Bedford Elizabeth Rodman, Abigail Howland, Amy Greene and Lydia Wing,— Nantucket no: district,— Anna Mitchell, and Jemima Austin,— present except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the Queries and Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read.— We are informed from the men's meeting that they have united with the judgment of Sandwich monthly meeting in approving the appearances in the ministry of Browning Swift, which is united with in this.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th Mo next at New Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12th Mo: 7th 1815.

Representatives for Sandwich Mary Wing 2nd and Hannah Gifford, Pembroke Alice Rogers and Sarah Keene; Nantucket Mary Barnard and Susanna Bunker, Dartmouth Maria Barker, Sarah Potter and, Mary Wing Westport Sarah Baker, Ann Macomber and Elizabeth Tripp New Bedford Elizabeth Rotch Jr Sarah Davis and Rachel Potter.— Nantucket no. district,, Elizabeth Gardner and Rebecca Folger 2nd.— Present.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with the Queries and Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read.—

Our friend Elizabeth Barker having expressed a concern which has for some time accompanied her mind, to pay a religious visit to friends in some parts,—

of Great Britain and Ireland, and produced a certificate of concurrence from Nantucket monthly meeting the subject has claimed our serious deliberation,— but way not opening in the minds of friends to decide on a concern of such importance, it is referred to the consideration of our next Quarterly Meeting. We have at the same time been feelingly reminded of the necessity of dwelling near the root of life in order to a qualification for true judgment.— A general Epistle from the Yearly meeting of friends in London containing much instructive advice hath been read at the present time.— — —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4 mo. next at New-Bedford.— — —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 4th Mo. 4th 1816.— —

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford Mary Akin and Anna Wing, Pembroke Alice Rogers and Phebe Percival— Nantucket Phebe Hussey, Elizabeth Mitchell, Elizabeth Nickerson and Judith Jones Jr, Dartmouth Sarah Wood, Lucretia Tucker and Rachel Gifford, Westport Anna Macomber, Barbara Gifford and Elizabeth Tripp,— New-Bedford Amy Greene, Sarah Russell Lydia Wing, Ruth Davis and Sylvia Grinnell, —Nantucket no. district Ann Hussey and Rachel Thornton.— — present.—

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk were chosen Mary Rotch and Mary Greene are appointed for the ensuing year.— Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the queries have been read, a summary of which with an account to the yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Ruth Davis, Sylvia Grinnell, Elizabeth Mitchell. Sarah Wood, Anna Slaid and Ann Hussey.—

The subject of our friend Elizabeth Barker's concern having been again brought before us and obtained our solid consideration, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting with the concurrence of the men that it will be best to leave her at liberty to spread it before our next yearly meeting of ministers and Elders, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate expressive of our unity with her concern.— — We unite with the judgment of New Bedford monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Experience Shearman, having the concurrence of the men; and appoint Elisabeth Rodman to inform the Select meeting thereof. Our friend Rachel Barnard from Kennett accompanied by our friend Elisabeth Pennock from London Grove Pennsylvania have been with us at this time, producing certificates of concurrence from their respective meetings:— their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on their certificates conformable to this minute.— — —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 7 mo. next at Nantucket.— — — — —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo 4th 1816.— —

Representatives from Sandwich, Sarah Gifford 2nd and Lydia Wing, Pembroke Sarah Keene and Phebe Percival. Nantucket Mary Swain, Mary Barnard and Mary Worth 2nd Dartmouth Rachel Gifford, Deborah Handy, Freelove Gifford and Sukey H. Shearman,— Westport Susanna Macomber Anna Kirby and Elisabeth Tripp— New-Bedford.— Bethia Russell and Lydia Parker, Nantucket N. district, Judith Hussey, Susanna Gardner and Sarah M. Coffin present except two who are prevented by indisposition.—

The friend appointed reports she has informed the Select meeting that the ministry of Experience Shearman is approved.— — The representatives to the yearly meeting report they attended.—

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.—

Met by adjournment, representatives present who attended in the morning.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with Answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th Queries have been read at this time: A transcript of an Epistle from the yearly meeting of women friends held in London, and extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting containing much instructive counsel have been read to our satisfaction: and the clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our respective monthly meetings.———

Our friends Anna M. Thorn from Nine partners, Judith Coffin from Creek; Jemima Reed from Town and Elizabeth Brown from Troy have been with us at this time, producing certificates of concurrence from their respective monthly meetings, their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their certificates conformable to this minute.———

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo. next at Sandwich.——————

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo. 3d 1816.——

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Martha Bowerman, and Rebecca Wing, Pembroke Abigail Keene; and Priscilla Ellis, Nantucket,—Merab Bunker, Mary Hussey and Anna Macy Dartmouth, Lucretia Tucker, Hannah Shearman and Desire Howland,— Westport Sarah Baker 2nd Barbara Gifford and Mercy Gifford, New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Eunice Davis, Hannah Nye and Deborah Otis,— Nantucket No. district Lydia Barker and Eunice Mitchell.— present.——

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with the Queries and Answers to the usual three have been read at this time.——

We unite with the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting No. district in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah M. Coffin, having the concurrence of the men's meeting, and appoint Rhoda Howland to inform the Select Meeting thereof.——— We unite with the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting in the appointment of Gilbert Coffin to the station of an elder.—

A transcript of an Epistle from the yearly meeting of Women Friends held in Newyork has been read & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy thereof to our respective monthly meetings.... The general Epistle from the yearly meeting of women friends held in London has also been read at this time.——

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12 mo. next at New Bedford.——

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 12 Mo: 5th 1816.— —

Representatives for Sandwich Phebe Wing, Mary Akin and [illegible] Kelley, Pembroke Alice Rogers and Sarah Keene; Nantucket Mary Cleveland and Deborah Gardner Dartmouth, Ruby Howland, Sarah Gifford and Freelove Gifford — Westport Hannah Peckham, Annis Allen & Ruth Macomber, New-Bedford Elizabeth Rotch jr., Mary Taber, Rose Davis and Merab Taber.— Nantucket no: district Elizabeth Gardner and Mary Folger— present except two who are prevented by indisposition.— —

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the Queries and answers to the first second and tenth have been read.— — The friend appointed reports she has conveyed the information to the select meeting respecting Sarah M. Coffin—

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of women friends in Philadelphia has been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our respective monthly meetings.— — -

We unite with Dartmouth monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Warren Gifford, and also with New-Bedford monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Russell Davis.— — A Testimony produced by the monthly meeting of Westport on behalf of our ancient deceased friend Jeremiah Austin has been read and approved. ——

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th Mo: next at New-Bedford.— — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 4th Mo: 3d 1817.—

Representatives for Sandwich Mary Wing 2nd and Rebecca Akin, Pembroke Tabitha Bailey and Alice Rogers, Nantucket, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth Mitchell and Lydia Coffin, Dartmouth Mary Morton, Mary Wood and Elizabeth Howland, Westport Susanna Baker and Catherine Kirby, New-Bedford Sarah Davis, Sylvia Grinnell and Mary Taber Nantucket no: district Susanna Gardner and Ann Hussey present except two, who are prevented by indisposition.— —

The representatives propose Mary Rotch for Clerk and Mary Green for assistant Clerk the ensuing year, which is united with.—

Accounts have been received from our respective mo: meetings with answers to the Queries, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Elizabeth Rodman, Sarah Wood, Tabitha Gifford, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Card, Merab Gardner and Lydia Hussey.—

The business being accomplished, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7 mo: next at Nantucket.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo 3d 1817.— —

Representatives for Sandwich, Elisabeth Swift, Huldah Gifford and Hannah Gifford, Pembroke, Alice Rogers, Nantucket, Elizabeth Barney and Christina Gale, - Dartmouth,- Rachel Gifford, 2nd Deborah Handy and Lucretia Tucker,- Westport,- Martha Gifford and Patience Davis,- New-Bedford Lydia Wing, Mary Taber, Sarah Davis and Merab Taber,- Nantucket No: district, Mary Folger and Rachel Swain.- present except one who has forwarded a satisfactory reason for her absence.—

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended.— —

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.—

Met by adjournment,- the representatives present who attended in the morning.—

Accounts have been received from our respective monthly meetings, with answers to the three usual queries.—

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, with transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of women Friends held in Baltimore and Ohio have been read to our satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of each to our respective monthly meetings.— —

We are informed from the men's meeting that they are about to unite with Westport monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joseph Swift, which is united with in this.

We have had at this time the company of our beloved friend Mary Naftel from Great Britain now on a religious visit on this continent, producing certificates from the monthly meeting of Witham in Essex, from Essex Quarterly meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London in 1816; all expressive of near unity and sympathy with her in her present engagement, whose gospel labors amongst us have been truly acceptable.—

Our esteemed friend Hannah Lewis her companion has also produced a certificate of concurrence from Philadelphia monthly meeting, southern district; whose company has been acceptable to us.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo: next at ~~Nantucket~~ Sandwich.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo: 2nd 1817.—

Representatives for Sandwich,- Esther Dillingham, Rose Kelley, and Rebecca Wing - Pembroke: Tabitha Bailey and Phebe Percival,- Nantucket, Huldah Gardner, Abigail Macy and Elizabeth Barney.- Dartmouth: Sarah Wood, Lucretia Tucker and Roby Howland,- Westport, - Esther Hewitt, Anna Macomber and Susanna Macomber,- New-Bedford Lydia Wing, Mary Card, Mercy Tabor and Sarah Davis.- Nantucket No: district Elizabeth Gardner and Sarah Joy.— — present.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the Queries and Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read.—

We unite with Dartmouth monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Tabitha Gifford, having the concurrence of the min, and appoint Ruth Davis to inform the select meeting thereof.—

We unite with the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting No: district in appointing Jonas Gardner to the station of an Elder.—

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Women Friends held in Philadelphia and New-York have been acceptably read at this time, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of each to our respective monthly meetings.

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12 Mo: next at New-Bedford.— — —

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends, held at New-Bedford 12 Mo: 4th 1817.—

Representatives for Sandwich. Mary Wing 2nd, Sarah Gifford and Abigail Crowell. Pembroke, Tabitha Bailey and Elizabeth Rogers. Dartmouth. Sarah Tucker, Phebe Anthony and Desire Howland.— Nantucket. Hepsibah Barney, Rachel Hussey and Merab Bunker.— Westport Catherine Kirby,— Susanna Baker and Barbara Gifford. New-Bedford Sylvia Grinnell, Merab Taber, and Rose Davis.— Nantucket no: district,—Rachel Swain and Abiel Hussey.—— present.— — –

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the queries and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read.— –

We are informed from Sandwich monthly meeting that they approve the public appearances in the ministry of Susanna Swift, which we unite with; and having the concurrence of the men, Elizabeth Rodman is desired to inform the Select meeting thereof.— – –

Our beloved friend John R. Davis having laid before us a concern which has for several years attended his mind to make a religious visit to friends in the Northern parts of New York yearly meeting, producing a certificate of concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting, much sympathy and near unity has been expressed with him therein, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on his certificate expressive thereof.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4 Mo: next at New-Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 4 Mo 2nd 1818.—

Representatives for Sandwich; Mary Wing 2nd and Anna Wing.— Pembroke Alice Rogers and Phebe Percival. Nantucket, Judith Jones Jr, Phebe Hussey and Mary Hussey.— Dartmouth. Phebe Tripp, Roby Howland and Sarah Wood. Westport Lydia Brownell, Esther Hewitt and Anne Kirby.— New-Bedford Rose Davis Lydia Wing and Lydia Russell.— Nantucket No: district Mary Barney and Susanna Gardner,— present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.— – –

Mary Rotch is chosen Clerk and Phebe Percival assistant clerk the ensuing year.—

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Barker having returned from her religious visit in Great Britain and Ireland has produced certificates from the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held in Ireland and from the morning meeting of ministers and elders held in London 1817, expressing that she has laboured diligently in the in the performance of her gospel errand, that her services had been to the comfort and edification of those amongst whom her lot had been cast, accompanied by conduct and conversation circumspect and instructive.

The queries and answers have been read a summary of which with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Phebe Percival, Elizabeth Barker, Rhoda Howland, Roby Howland, Anna Macomber and Susanna Gardner.—

We are informed from New-Bedford monthly meeting that they have approved the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Gard; which, with the concurrence of the men, is united with and Elizabeth Rodman is desired to inform the Select meeting there

This meeting after deliberate consideration of the subject, in concurrence with the men, unites with Dartmouth monthly meeting in disapproving the public appearances of Stephen Buffington.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th mo next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo: 2nd 1818.—

Representatives for Sandwich,- Esther Dillingham Huldah Gifford and Sarah Gifford,- Pembroke— Alice Rogers and Phebe Percival, Nantucket Phebe Hussey, Merab Bunker and Thankful Jones,— Dartmouth Mercy Wing, Tabitha Gifford, Lydia Lawrence; Westport, Anna Kirby, and Anna Macomber, New-Bedford,- Mary Gard, Sarah Allen, Sarah Davis and Hannah Nye- Nantucket no district Hepsibeth Russell and Judith Hussey.— —present.

The clerk being absent, Eunice Mitchell is appointed for this time — —

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the queries and usual three answers have been read. —

Representatives to the yearly meeting report they attended except one, who has rendered a satisfactory reason for her absence. —

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon: —

Met by adjournment, representatives present. —

We unite with the judgment of Nantucket monthly meeting for the No: district, in the appointment of Eunice Mitchell to the station of an elder; the men's meeting concurring therewith. Merab Gardner is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof. —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggeshall attended this meeting producing a certificate from the monthly meeting of New-York, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Westbury held in New York, both expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us; her companion Margaret Marriot produced a minute of concurrence from the monthly meeting of Hudson, N.Y. her company has also been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsments on their certificates conformable to this minute. —

Our beloved friend Avis Keene attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from the monthly meeting of Uxbridge, her company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsment on her certificate expressive thereof. —

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting, and a transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of Women Friends held in London have been acceptably read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of each to our respective monthly meetings. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo: next at Sandwich. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 Mo: 1st 1818.—

Representatives for Sandwich Rosa Kelley, Chloe Gifford and Rebecca Wing.- Pembroke Alice Rogers and Phebe Percival.- Dartmouth Tabitha Gifford, Mary Wood and Sarah Wood.- Nantucket Elizabeth Black, Merab Bunker and Elisabeth Barney— Westport Esther Howell, Elisabeth Tripp and Barbara Gifford.- New-Bedford Rebecca Davis,— Deborah Howland and Lydia Kempton.- Nantucket No district Eunice Macy, Lydia Hussey 2nd and Eunice Mitchell.— present except two, for the absence of one, a satisfactory reason has been given.— —

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the Queries and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read.—

Also transcripts of epistles from the Yearly meetings of women Friends held in Phila and Ohio, copies of which the clerk is directed to forward to our respective monthly meetings.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th Mo: next at New-Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford—12 Mo: 1818.—

Representatives for Sandwich Chloe Gifford, Phebe Wing and Rebecca Akin, Pembroke Priscilla Ellis and Mary Ellis. Nantucket Mary Gibbs and Judith Jones Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, Hannah Smith and Ruth Dunham.- Westport Catherine Kirby, Susanna Macomber and Susanna Baker, New Bedford,— Elizabeth Rotch Jr, Hannah Nye, Eunice Davis and Rose Davis.— Nantucket No: district Judith Hussey and Susan Coffin.— present.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th has been read.—

We unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Grace Davis to the station of an elder, having the concurrence of the men's meeting; and also with New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary Rotch to that station, having the concurrence of the men's meeting.— —

Rhoda Howland is desired to inform the Select meeting thereof.—

Our friends Mary Batty from Smithfield mo: meeting, and Anna Keene accompanied by Rachel Earl from Uxbridge; producing certificates of concurrence from their respective meetings, have been with us at this time, whose company and services have been acceptable to us. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting, of Women Friends held in New-York and Baltimore have been read; copies of which are directed to be forwarded to our respective meetings. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4 Mo next at New-Bedford. — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 4 Mo 1819. —

Representatives for Sandwich Mary Akin, Elizabeth Swift and Rebecca Wing, Pembroke Alice Rogers. Dartmouth Sarah Wood, Elizabeth Slade and Lucretia Tucker, Nantucket Deborah Gardner, Eliza Nickerson and Phebe Hussey, Westport, Anna Macomber, and Sarah Baker 2nd New-Bedford, Lydia Wing, and Amy Greene, Eunice Davis, Nantucket no: district Eunice Macy, Lydia Barker and Eunice Mitchell. — present. — —

Mary Rotch is appointed Clerk for the ensuing year and Rebecca Wing assistant Clerk for the day —

Accounts have been received from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the Queries, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives. — Elizabeth Rodman, Lydia Hussey, Tabitha Gifford Esther Hewitt, Sarah Wood and Eunice Mitchell. —

Rhoda Howland reports she has performed her appointment. —

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Isaac Lawrence. —

The men's meeting inform that they are about to unite with the judgment of Nantucket mo: meeting no: district in the appointment of Mark Coffin to the station of an elder, which is united with in this meeting. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th mo: next at Nantucket. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at [illegible] Nantucket 7th Mo. 1st 1819.—

Representatives for Sandwich, Chloe Gifford and Hannah Gifford; Pembroke, Sarah Keene and Ann Bailey; Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Mary Wood and Sarah Gifford; Nantucket, Susan Barnard and Dinah Macy; Westport, Martha Gifford and Joanna Baker; New-Bedford, Sarah Russell, Martha Hussey, Rebecca Davis and Eunice Davis; Nantucket no. district, Lydia Fitch, Christina Cole and Mary Coffin.— present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been given.—

Mary Coffin is appointed assistant Clerk for the day.—

The representatives to the yearly Meeting report they attended.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been read.—

We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon.—

Met by adjournment near the 4th hour.—

The queries and answers to the usual three have been read.—

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting, and transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of women friends held in Phila: and Baltimore have been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our respective monthly meetings.—

Our friends Elizabeth Walker and Margaret Judge from New-York and Baltimore yearly meetings, with their companions Sarah Sutton and Margaret Brook have been with us at this time with certificates of concurrence from their respective meetings, whose religious labors have been acceptable; and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsement on their certificates conformable to this minute.—

The company and religious services of our friend Mary Newhall from Salem Quarterly Meeting have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate expressive thereof.—

We conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 10th mo at Sandwich. — — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo [illegible] -

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Content Russell and Rebecca Wing. Pembroke Marcy Brown and Elizabeth Rogers, Nantucket, Hepsibah Barney, Merab Bunker and Hannah Hosier, Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Phebe Tripp and Rachel S. Gifford Westport Anna Macomber, Barbara Gifford and Content Wing, New-Bedford Rhoda Howland, Lydia Wing and Abigail Howland. - Nantucket no. district Merab Gardner and Lydia G. Hussey, - present. -

Rebecca Wing is appointed assistant Clerk. -

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read. -

We unite with the judgment of Sandwich mo. meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Swift 2nd to the station of an Elder, having the concurrence of the men. -

Our friend Ruth Spencer from Rensselaerville N.Y. - has been with us at this time, producing certificates of concurrence from her respective meetings; whose company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute. -

Transcripts of epistles from the Yearly meetings of women Friends held in New York and Ohio, have been read, copies whereof are to be forwarded to our respective monthly meetings. -

We conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12 mo. next at New-Bedford. -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford [illegible] 1810. -

Representatives for Sandwich, Ruth Wing and Mary Wing 2nd. Pembroke Edith Little and Mary Shepherd. - Nantucket Lydia Macy and Phebe Hussey - Dartmouth Ruby Potter and Sarah Potter, Westport. - Rhoda Potter and Mary Brightman, New Bedford, - Susan Hitter, Elizabeth Ritch jr., Eunice Davis and Merab Taber. - Nantucket no. district, Susanna Gardner and Lydia Fitch - present except one who was prevented by indisposition. - - - -

Accounts have been received from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the three usual Queries.—

Elizabeth Rodman jr. is desired to inform the Select meeting of the appointment of Elizabeth Swift 2nd to the station of an elder, omitted last quarter.—

Our friend Warren Gifford with a certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth monthly meeting having laid before us a concern to pay a religious visit to some meetings in Pennsylvania and on the way there, much unity has been felt with him therein, with desires that he may pursue his prospect under the direction of truth, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on his certificate expressive thereof.—

Our friend Friend Ruth Spencer being again with us at this time, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.— —

We conclude to meet again, if permitted, in 4th mo next at New-Bedford.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 4 mo: 6th 1826.— —

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Akin and Deborah Hoxie; Pembroke, Alice Rogers, and Elizabeth Phillips, Dartmouth, Sarah Wood and Sarah Tucker.- Nantucket Phebe Coffin, Eliza Barker 2nd and Eunice Coffin, -Westport Esther Hewitt, Elizabeth Tripp and Elizabeth Slade. New-Bedford Elizabeth Rotch Jr.- Patience Howland, Rhoda Howland and Sarah Davis.- Nantucket No. district. Susan Fitch, Eunice Macy and Christina Gale.--

Mary Rotch is appointed Clerk and mary Coffin assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.—

We have received accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the Queries, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Sarah Allen, Esther Hewitt, Experience Sherman, Deborah Otis, Sarah Tucker, Anna Macomber and Susan Howland.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted, in mo. next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 Mo: 6th 1820.—

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift and Martha Bowerman, Pembroke Alice Rogers, Nantucket Anna Spooner, Eliza Barker and Sarah Barnard,- Dartmouth, Deborah Handy, Sarah Gifford and Mary Wood, Westport Elizabeth Tripp, Martha Gifford and Mary Macomber, New Bedford Rhoda Howland Sarah Davis and Deborah Howland,- Nantucket no district Mary Barney and Rachel Austin, present.- Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been read.-

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended except one who has given a satisfactory reason for her absence.—

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met near the time adjourned to.—

The Queries with answers to the usual three; have been read.- Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Phila: New York and Baltimore; have been read to satisfaction and the clerk is directed to forward copies to our respective monthly meetings.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo: next at Sandwich.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo 5th 1820.—

Representatives for Sandwich Chloe Gifford; Elizabeth Kelley and Rebecca Wing; Pembroke, Sarah Keene and Phebe Percival, Dartmouth, Sarah Wood and Tabitha Gifford; Nantucket, Mary Paddock and Anna Mitchell, Westport, Esther Hewitt, Elizabeth Tripp and Sarah Chase, New Bedford Sarah Davis, Rhoda Howland, Eunice Davis and Merab Taber.— Nantucket No district. Ann Hussey and Mary Coffin- present.- Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with the Queries and Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th. have been read.- Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends held in London Virginia and Ohio have been read, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our respective monthly meetings.—

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island,
from the 13th to the 18th, inclusive, of the sixth month, 1830.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have during the past year, endeavoured to promote the objects confided to their care by the Yearly Meeting, in the superintendence of the Institution; and are thankful in being able to state, that its various concerns have been conducted in a good degree in accordance with the design of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up; and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate charge of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, in which they have the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould.—Benjamin B. Hussey, Moses Mitchell, Joseph Hoag, Deborah Ramsdell, Lydia B. Allen, and Sarah Fry, have been employed as Teachers, during most of the past year, with the exception of Benjamin B. Hussey, whose state of health was such in the autumn, as to render it necesary for him to retire from the School. During his absence Joseph Healey was employed as an associate Teacher. Benjamin B. Hussey is again about to resume the discharge of his former duties; and Moses A. Cartland has been recently engaged as an Assistant in the Boys' department, and Phebe Burgess in the Girls'.

The average number of scholars, during the year, has been one hundred and twenty-seven.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund, and of the Superintendent, have been received, and audited, and the state of the Fund continues to be such, as to induce the Committee to propose that Children who are members of this Yearly Meeting, continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the privilege of sending Children, free of expense, be continued, as last year.

The Committee being clearly of the opinion, that Children would receive much greater benefit by being sent to the School for a term of time not less than six months, Friends and Monthly Meetings are therefore advised not to send them for a shorter space of time, when it can be conveniently avoided.

Friends are also advised not to send Boys over the age of fourteen years to the School, until they have first obtained the approbation of the School Committee, which meets at Providence the third day after the last fifth day in each month.

On behalf of the Committee,

MOSES BROWN.
MARY B. ALLEN.

Providence, 5 mo. 7, 1830.

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

An Essay, entitled "The Testimony of the Society of Friends on the American Continent," prepared by the General Committee, composed of Committees from all the Yearly Meetings in America, (which convened in Philadelphia, in the 7th month last,) was read before our Meeting of Men and Women Friends, collectively assembled, and being deliberately considered, was cordially, unitedly, and fully approved, as embracing a concise declaration of the doctrines and testimonies which have always been held by our Society. This Document having now been approved by all the Yearly Meetings of Friends in this country, the Clerk was directed to add to this minute, in the extracts to be sent down, that the necessary arrangements have been made for printing it, and that the several Quarterly Meetings will be supplied, by the Meeting for Sufferings, with a sufficient number of copies to furnish one to each family of Friends within their respective limits.

Womens Meeting

Our Friend Hannah Dennis producing a copy of a minute from Rhode Island monthly meeting, has been acceptably with us at this time.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12 Mo: next at New-Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12th Mo: 7th 1820.—

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Hatten, Eliz.th Wing 2nd and Mary Wing 2nd. Pembroke Mary Otis and Phebe Percival, Nantucket Merab Bunker, and Jedidah Coffin. Falmouth Phebe Anthony and Rachel S. Gifford. Westport Susanna Macomber and Mercy Gifford; New Bedford Sarah Davis, Sarah Russell, Hannah Hatten and Eliz.th Swift.— Nantucket No: district Sarah J. Hussey, Mary Coffin and Lydia G. Hussey.— present except one.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the three usual queries have been read.—

We unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary Allen to the station of an Elder, having the concurrence of the men, and Mary Gard is desired to inform the select meeting thereof.—

Our friend Thankful Hussey producing a minute from Falmouth monthly meeting has been acceptably with us at this time.——

We conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4 Mo: next at New-Bedford.—

Sandwich quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 4 Mo: 5th 1821—

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Ruth Davis and Elizabeth Swift. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Phebe Percival, Falmouth Sarah Tucker, Ruth Smith and Mercy Wing.— Westport Anna Macomber, Esther Hewitt and Barbara Gifford.— New-Bedford Deborah Otis, Sarah Davis, Sarah Allen, and Merab Taber.— present.—

Phebe Percival is appointed Clerk and Mary Otis assistant Clerk for the year ensuing.— Accounts with answers from the several monthly meetings, Nantucket excepted have been received and read; and a summary collected therefrom which, with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Elizabeth Mitchell.—

Sarah Russell, Alice Rogers, Rhoda Howland, Eliza^th^ Swift and Elizabeth Howland.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7 mo at Nantucket.—-

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo: 5th 1821.—

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Akin and Hannah Gifford; Pembroke Phebe Percival and Sarah Keene, Dartmouth Tabitha Gifford and Barshaba Allen, Nantucket, Mary Hussey & Eliza Macy. Westport, Ruby Potter & Elizabeth ~~Howland~~ Gifford New-Bedford Sarah Allen Susan Howland and Lydia Parker, Nantucket no: district Hepsibeth Mitchell and Eunice Fitch. present;—

This meeting adjourns to the 3d hour this afternoon.— Met near the third hour; representatives present.—

The assistant Clerk being absent, Mary Coffin is appointed for the day.—

We have received accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the three usual queries, which have been read in this meeting.— The representatives inform they all attended the yearly meeting agreeably to appointment, except one who rendered a satisfactory excuse.—

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting, and transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Phila: and New York, have been received and read to our satisfaction and encouragement, and the Clerk is directed to forward Copies thereof to our respective Monthly Meetings.—

We are informed from the men's meeting that they unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Seth Kelley to the station of an Elder,— also with the mo: meeting of Nantucket no: district in the appointment of Jonathan Swain to the station of an Elder, with which this meeting unites.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted; in 10th mo: next at Sandwich.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo: 4th 1821.—

Representatives for Sandwich Deborah Hoxie, Rose Kelley and Chloe Gifford, Pembroke Mary Otis and Priscilla Ellis, Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker and Freelove Gifford, Nantucket Lydia Swain, Mary Starbuck and Mary Hussey, Westport Barbara Gifford Sarah Baker 2nd and Esther Hewitt, New Bedford Sarah Allen, & Sarah Davis, Susan Hiller and Grace Davis,— Nantucket No. district Susanna Gardner and Mary Barney,— all present but two for whose absence a satisfactory excuse is rendered.—

We have received accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the three usual queries, which have been read at this time.—

We are informed from the monthly meeting of Nantucket that they approve of the public appearances in the ministry of Judith Jones jr, with which this meeting unites having the concurrence of the men's meeting therein.—

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Ohio and Virginia have been acceptably read in this meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly meetings.—

The London printed Epistle has also been read at this time.—

The business of this meeting being closed we propose to meet again (if permitted) at New-Bedford in 12th mo next.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12th mo: 6th 1821.—

The representatives for Sandwich are Rebecca Wing, Chloe Gifford and Esther Dillingham, Dartmouth Tabitha Gifford and Phebe Tripp, Pembroke Alice Rogers and Mary Otis, Westport Anna Macumber, Susanna Macumber and Sarah Chase, New Bedford Rose Davis, Hepzibah Howland and Sarah Allen, all present.—

The Clerk being absent Mary Otis serves as Clerk and Rebecca Wing assistant Clerk at this time.— We have received accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries (excepting from Nantucket and Nantucket no: district) which have been read.—

Transcripts

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina have been read to our satisfaction.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 4 mo next at New-Bedford—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 2d Mo. 1822.

Representatives for Sandwich, Huldah Gifford, Rue Kelley, Mary Wing.— Pembroke, Alice Rogers, Mary Shepherd, Nantucket, Mary Barnard, Phebe Hussey,— Dartmouth, Elizabeth Slade, Rachel Gifford; Westport Elizabeth Tripp, Ruth Peckham; Barbara Gifford— New-Bedford, Mary Card; Sarah Davis, Elizabeth Rotch jr, Susan Howland—, Nantucket N. district;— Rachel Swain and Eunice Mitchell, —present.—

Mary Coffin is appointed Clerk, and Ann Wing assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.—

Accounts with Answers to the Queries from the several Monthly Meetings have been received, and a summary collected therefrom, which, with an account to the Yearly meeting, are to be forwarded by our representatives, Rhoda Howland, Eunice Mitchell, Ruth Davis, Esther Chewitt, Mary Wing, Elizabeth Barker and Huldah Gifford.—

We unite with the judgment of Nantucket Monthly meeting for the Northern District in the appointment of Susanna Gardner to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of the mens meeting; Elizabeth Barker is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof.—

The men's meeting inform that they unite with the judgment of Nantucket Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Hezekiah Swain to the station of an Elder, which is united with in this meeting.—

We conclude, to meet again, if permitted, in 7th, Mo. next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 2d of 7th mo 1829

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, Sarah Gifford 2nd; Pembroke Sarah Rowe Alice Rogers; Dartmouth Mary Davis Sarah Gifford; Nantucket Mary Starbuck, Jemima Coffin; Westport Martha Gifford Phebe Macomber; New Bedford Lydia King Mary Earl, Hannah Tabor, Sarah Davis; Nantucket 2d district Judith Macy and Elizabeth Swift present except two, and a satisfactory reason given for the absence of one.--

The queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.--

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report they all attended.--

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.--

Met near the time adjourned to, representatives present at this sitting except one.--

The following Article of the Discipline of the year 1706, was received in our last Yearly meeting and forwarded to the subordinate meetings. ("At a Yearly meeting of friends held on Rhode Island the 19th of 4th mo 1706. It is the judgment of this meeting, that no person out of unity with friends or under dealing of Friends for any misconduct, ought to be suffered to sit in meetings of Business, nor their contributions to be received, but be desired to withdraw from such meetings until such time as they give satisfaction for such their miscarriage.") which being read in this, we appoint Elizabeth Swift, Mary Earl, Martha Gifford, Judith Coffin, Judith Macy, Alice Rogers, Mary Dow and Mary Macy, to join a committee from men's meeting, in inserting the same in the Book of Discipline; and report next meeting.--

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of London, Phila. and New York have been read at this time, to satisfaction; and the clerk is directed to forward Copies thereof to the several Monthly meetings.--

The men inform that they unite with the judgment of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] Taber to the station of an Elder, which is united with in this meeting. Also with the judgment of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Paul Wing to the same station, which is also united with in this meeting.--

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th mo next at Sandwich.--

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 3rd d 10th Mo. 1822.—
Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Wing 2nd, Rose Kelley, Pembroke, Tabitha Bailey, Phebe Vincent, Dartmouth, Sarah Tucker, Phebe Tripp - Nantucket,- Mary Barnard, Lydia Swain - Westport, Eunice Gifford, Mercy Macomber, Esther Hewitt - New Bedford, Rhoda Howland, Ruth Davis, Hannah Nye, Sylvia Grinnell, Nantucket N. District, Elizabeth Swift, Sarah Barney, Mary Ann Mitchell, present except one, and an acceptable excuse for her absence.—

The friends appointed last Quarterly meeting from Sandwich, Pembroke, Dartmouth, New-Bedford and Nantucket N. District to insert the article of Discipline in the Books of Discipline; report they have attended thereto;— No report received from Nantucket; and an account from Westport, that it had not yet been accomplished; and friends of those meetings are requested to attend thereto, and report at our next Quarterly meeting.—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with the Queries and usual three answers have been read.—

Our esteemed friend Betsey Purington attended this meeting, with a minute of concurrence from Providence monthly meeting; whose company and religious services have been acceptable to us.—

We conclude to meet again, if permitted; in 12th Mo: next at New-Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 12 Mo 5th 1822.—
Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Swift 2nd, Mary Wing 2nd Pembroke Ann Bailey, Dartmouth, Sarah Gifford, Hannah Slade,- Westport, Barbara Gifford, Anna Macomber, Sarah Gould, - New Bedford Lydia Wing, Abigail Howland, Sarah Davis, - - - all present, except Nantucket, and Nantucket N. District.—

The Clerk being absent, Mary Taber is appointed Clerk for the day.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings Nantucket excepted have been received, which with the Queries and usual three answers have been read. —

The friends from Westport Monthly Meeting under an appointment to insert an article of Discipline in the Books of Discipline received from our last Yearly meeting, report they have attended thereto —

This meeting unites with the judgment of New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Susan Howland and Deborah Otis, having the concurrence of the men's meeting. — Sarah Tucker is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof —

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore & North Carolina Yearly Meetings, of Women Friends have been read at the present opportunity. —

We conclude to meet again if permitted, in the 4th mo next at New Bedford — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 3d of 4th Mo. 1823 —

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Akin, Mary Wing 2nd Dartmouth Rachel B. Gifford, Sarah Gifford Nantucket Eunice Coffin Hepsibah Gardner Westport Esther Hewitt Sarah Baker, New Bedford Mary Card, Abigail Howland Meribah Taber, Mary Taber, Nantucket N. District Susanna Gardner, Anne Hussey — present except 5, and a satisfactory reason for the absence of two. —

Mary Coffin is appointed Clerk and Ann Willing assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. — Accounts from our respective mo. meetings (excepting Pembroke) have been received with answers to the Queries, a summary of which, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Card, Susanna Howland, Susanna Gardner, Sarah Tucker and Sarah Davis. — This meeting unites with the judgment of Dartmouth Monthly meeting, in the appointment of Sarah Wood to the station of an Elder, having the concurrence of men's meeting. — Rhoda Howland is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof —

Information has been received from Nantucket monthly meeting that the article of Discipline received in our last Yearly meeting has been inserted in their Books of Discipline.

An Epistle from Ohio Yearly meeting has been read to satisfaction at this time —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket, 3d of 7th Mo: 1823.—
Representatives for Sandwich, Chloe Gifford, Hannah Dillingham; Pembroke Maria Brown, Mary Shepherd, Phebe Percival. Dartmouth; Deborah Ha Mehitable Gifford, Sylvia K. Wilbur, Nantucket Eunice Gardner, Eliza Barker, — Westport, Anna Macomber, Mercy Macomber, Mary Macomber, New Bedford, Martha Hussey, Sarah Allen Deborah Otis, — Hannah Tiller, Lydia Parker — Nantucket N. District, Elizabeth Ivy, Lydia Fitch; present except one —
Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been received which with answers to the usual three Queries have been read.—

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they attended.—
Adjourned to half past 4 this afternoon.—

Met near the time adjourned to.— Representatives present except two, and a satisfactory reason for the absence of one—

Transcripts of Epistles from Phila; Ohio and North Carolina Yearly meetings have been read to satisfaction, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our respective monthly meetings —
We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo: next at Sandwich ——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich, 2nd of 10th Mo: 1823.—
Representatives for Sandwich Rebecca Wing, Elizath. Kelley, Elizabeth Swift. Pembroke; Mary Shepherd. Sarah Keene; Dartmouth; Sarah Potter, Elizabeth Howland, Tabitha Gifford, Nantucket Anna Macy, Mary Hussey, Rachel Gardner, Westport Ruth Peckham, Innocent Howland, Sarah Chase, New Bedford, Rose Davis, Elizabeth Rotch jr. Rhoda Howland, Mary Taber, Nantucket N. District, Lydia Barker, Lydia G. Swift — all present —
The clerk being absent, Phebe Percival is appointed for the day —

Accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the three usual Queries have been received and read.——

Our friend Deborah Rowland from Oblong monthly meeting, N.Y. accompanied by Phebe Seely of Purchase mo: meeting — also Avis Keene from Salem monthly meeting held at Lynn; have been with us at this time producing certificates of concurrence from their respective meetings, their company and religious labours have been truly acceptable to us. — and the clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their certificates conformable to this minute. —

We have received Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting — also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of New York and Indiana, which have been read to our satisfaction. — and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to the several monthly meetings. —

The deficiencies unfolded to our view by the answers to the Queries from some of the Monthly Meetings having claimed the feeling and weighty consideration of this meeting, we appoint Deborah Hoxie, Elizabeth Mitchell, Sarah Tucker, Anna Macomber, Grace Davis, Elizabeth Swift, Mary Akin, Phebe Percival and Ruth Davis to unite with a committee from the men's meeting, in visiting such monthly and particular meetings, and individuals as way may open for, and render such advice and assistance, and labour for the restoration of love and unity, and the support of our various testimonies, as they may find ability in the truth; and report at a future meeting — —

The business of this meeting being closed we propose to meet again at New Bedford (if permitted) in 12th Mo next

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 4th 1823 —

Representatives for Sandwich, Martha Bowman, Rosa Kelley, Anna Wing; Pembroke Mary Otis, Phebe Percival — Dartmouth Rachel S. Gifford, Mary Davis, Hannah Slade. — Nantucket — Judith Paddock; Eliza Coffin, Eunice Gardner, Westport. Elizabeth Tripp, Sarah Baker Eunice Gifford; New Bedford Sarah Davis, Merab Taber, Lydia Wing, — Nantucket No. District, Rachel Swain, Anne Clark — all present —

The Clerk being absent Phebe Percival is appointed for the day —

Accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the three usual Queries have been received and read. —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Virginia and Baltimore have been recd and read to our satisfaction.——

Our friend Mary B. Allen from Smithfield Monthly meeting, has been with us at this time, producing a minute of concurrence from her respective meeting, her company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement conformable to this minute.——

We conclude to meet again if permitted at New Bedford in 4th Mo: next.——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New-Bedford 4th Mo 1st 1824

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Kelley, Huldah Gifford, Deborah Hoxie, Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Mary Davis Nantucket, Anna Mitchell, Sarah Barnard, Alice Barnard – Westport,— Innocent Howland, Anna Macomber, Martha Gifford; New Bedford Avery Greene, Sarah Davis, Sylvia Grinnell, Nantucket No. District,– Mary Barney, Ann Hussey.– all present except two, and a satisfactory reason given for their absence.—

The year having expired since the appointment of a Clerk and Assistant, Phebe Percival is appointed Clerk and Ann Loring assistant for the year ensuing.—

Accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the Queries have been received and read, and a summary collected therefrom which is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Mary Card, Sarah Davis, Anna Macomber, Susanna Gardner, Alice Barnard, Mary Davis, Huldah Gifford, and Elizabeth Kelley.—

The committee appointed in 10th Mo last inform, "they have attended to appointment, but are not yet ready to make a full report."—

We are informed from New-Bedford monthly meeting, that they unite with the judgment of the Select Meeting in the removal of Elizabeth Rodman and Mary Rotch, from the station of elders, which this meeting having the concurrence of the men's unites with.—

Rhoda Howland, is appointed to inform the Clerk of the Yearly meeting thereof. —
We conclude, to meet again, if permitted in 7th Mo next at Nantucket. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo: 1st 1824 — —

Representatives for Sandwich, Elisabeth Swift, Sarah Gifford; Pembroke, Phebe Percival, Maria Brown, Dartmouth, Hannah Slade, Rebecca Howland, — Nantucket, Judith Paddock, Eunice Gardner, — Westport Sarah Devol, Mary Macomber, — New Bedford, — Ruth Davis Martha Hussey, Ruth Howland, Deborah Otis, — Nantucket No. District — Judith Hussey and Sarah Hussey, all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is rendered. — —

The assistant Clerk being absent, Mary Hussey is appointed for the day —

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly meeting inform they attended. —

This meeting adjourns to 4th hour P.M. —

Met near the hour adjourned to, representatives present that attended the previous sitting. —

Accounts from our respective Monthly meetings, with the Queries, and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read at this time. —

We have received transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of women friends held in London, Phila: and New-York which have been read, we trust, to the satisfaction and encouragement of many minds.

We conclude to meet again, if permitted, at Sandwich 10th Mo: next. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich, 10th Mo: 7th 1824 — —

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Wing 2nd, Thankful Allen, Mary Akin — Pembroke Phebe Percival, Abigail Keene; Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Lucretia Tucker, Sarah Gifford; — Nantucket — Priscilla Swain, Anna Mitchell — Westport Elizabeth Tripp, Eunice Gifford, Barbara Gifford — New Bedford Sylvia Grinnell, Merab Taber; Sarah Davis, — Nantucket No. district Mary Barney, Lydia Barker — all present except one prevented by indisposition. — —

The assistant Clerk being absent Rebecca Wing is appointed for the day. —

Accounts from our respective Monthly meetings with the queries and answers to the usual three have been received and read at this time.—

We are informed from Westport Monthly meeting that they approve of the public appearance in the ministry of Anna Macomber which this meeting after weighty deliberation, and having the concurrence of the men's meeting therein unite with:—- Sarah Wood is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.—

We have received a London printed Epistle, and transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Baltimore Ohio and North Carolina, which have been acceptably read, and the Clerk is directed to forward Copies thereof to the several monthly meetings.

We conclude to meet again, if nothing prevents in 12th Mo: next at New Bedford.— - —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 12th Mo: 2nd 1824.—

Representatives for Sandwich, Hannah Gifford, Rosa Kelley, Elizabeth Ewing 2nd, Pembroke Alice Rogers, Phebe Percival,- Dartmouth Phebe Tripp, Mary Davis, Sarah Potter,- Nantucket Lydia Macy, Jedida Coffin. Westport Peace Slade Anna Macomber, Martha Gifford.— New Bedford Sylvia Grinnell, Sarah Allen, Grace Davis.- Nantucket No: Dist: Susanna Gardner, Elizabeth Barker, all present.-

The assistant Clerk being absent, Mary Taber is appointed for the day.... Accounts from all our monthly meetings with the Queries and answers to the usual three have been received and read.... Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly meetings of Virginia and Indiana have been received and acceptably read at this time; and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to the several monthly meetings.—-

We are informed from the men's meeting that they unite with Dartmouth Monthly meeting in disapproving the public appearances in the ministry of Philip Dunham, with which this meeting also unites.. ...

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th Mo. next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends, held at New Bedford [illegible] 1826.—

Representatives for Sandwich Mary Wing Jun. Elizabeth Wing Jr. — Pembroke Mary Shepherd Sarah Otis Dartmouth Sarah Tucker Mary Davis Rachel Gifford; Nantucket Rebecca Coffin, Eunice Gardner. Westport Deborah Coffin, Ruth Peckham; Sarah Chase — New Bedford Amy Greene Sylvia [illegible] Hepsiba Howland, — Nantucket No 2nd. Rachel Swain, Ruth Gardner Hepsibah Mitchell — present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.— Mary Tabor is appointed Clerk for the day and [illegible] her assistant for this time.—

Accounts from all our monthly meetings with answers to the Queries have been read and one a summary of which with an account to the Yearly meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Chase, Rhoda [illegible] Sarah Tucker, Sarah Davis, Elizabeth Wing, Mary Wing [illegible] Hewitt and Hepsibah Mitchell.——

Our beloved friend Ruth Davis in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a prospect which had some time impressed her mind to attend the ensuing Yearly meeting at New York and to perform a religious visit to some of the meetings in the lower and middle Quarterly meetings belonging to that Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from New Bedford monthly meeting, which claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting much unity and sympathy was expressed therewith and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way.——

Our beloved friend Deborah Otis also opened in this meeting a concern which had weightily impressed her mind of performing a religious visit to some of the meetings of Friends in the lower and middle Quarter belonging to New York Yearly meeting, also of attending New York Yearly Meeting in company with our beloved friend Ruth Davis, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from New Bedford monthly meeting — she having the unity and sympathy of this meeting, is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as way may open in the Truth, and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their certificates conformable to this minute.——

The committee appointed by the Quarterly meeting in the 10th mo: 1825 report they have attended to the subject of their appointment and have attended.

extended such assistance and advice to Meetings and individuals as appeared to be necessary, and as way opened; and altho' they were of opinion that further labor may be necessary, they are united in believing that it will be best to dismiss the present committee, - which is united with in this meeting.--

We unite with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Maliciah Gifford to the station of an Elder.- We also unite with New Bedford monthly meeting in the appointment of William Shearman Jr. to the station of an Elder.--

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7th mo next at Nantucket. --

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 7th of 7th mo: 1825.--

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth Swift, Pembroke, Sarah Keene, Mary Shepherd, Dartmouth, Susan Tucker, Sarah Gifford, Elizabeth Potter, Nantucket, Priscilla Swain, Lydia Munroe, Lydia Swain, Westport Phila: Tripp, Martha Gifford, New Bedford Sarah Davis, Susan Howland, Mary Taber,- Nantucket mo: dist: Mary Barney, Mary Folger - present except two, and a satisfactory reason given for their absence.

The Clerks being absent, Mary Coffin and Rachel Austin are appointed for the day.

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the usual three queries have been received and read in this meeting..

Our beloved friend Huldah Hoag, attended this meeting with a certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly meeting held 28th of 4th Mo: 1824.-- with an endorsement from Ferrisburgh Quarterly meeting held 6th of 5th mo:,- whose company and religious services have been very acceptable to us,- and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute. Also Mehetable Austin, her companion, with a minute from Ferrisburgh monthly meeting, held 24th of 4th Mo: 1825. whose company is acceptable to us.-

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except one who was prevented by sickness.—

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.—

met near the hour adjourned to.– Representatives present except two. – Our beloved Friend Sarah Tucker in a weighty manner opened to this meeting a concern that had for some time attended her mind to make a religious visit within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly meeting particularly to those meetings which constitute Abington, Bucks, Concord and Caln Quarterly meetings as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth monthly meeting – which claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting much unity and sympathy have been expressed, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsment on the Certificate conformable to this minute.–

Information is received from Nantucket northern district Monthly Meeting that there are remaining mostly at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia fourteen persons members of that monthly meeting whose remote situation renders it difficult to pay that attention to them their case requires, we therefore appoint Elizabeth Mitchell, Sarah Barnard and Elizabeth Barker to join a committee from men's meeting and report their judgment at a future meeting.–

Epistles from Ohio and Philadelphia Yearly meetings have been received and read to satisfaction.–

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 10th Mo next at Sandwich.– –

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 6th of 10th Mo: 1825.– .

Representatives for Sandwich Deborah Hoxie, Huldah Gifford and Hannah Kelley.– Dartmouth Desire Howland Phebe Tripp, Sarah Potter.– Pembroke Alice Rogers Phebe Percival Nantucket Elizabeth Barney and Elizabeth Mitchell.– Westport Esther Hewitt, Sarah Chase and Elizabeth Gifford.– New Bedford Sylvia Grinnell Amy Proud, Ruth Davis Mary Hillar, Grace Davis.– Nantucket No: Distt Eunice Mitchell and Eunice Fitch.– all present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.–

Eunice Mitchell and Content Russell are appointed Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the day.–

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries have been read.—

We unite with the judgment of Westport Monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Elizabeth Tripp, having the concurrence of the men,— and appoint Eunice Mitchell to inform the Select Meeting thereof.—

Our friends Ruth Davis and Deborah Otis having accomplished their religious visit, to the Yearly Meeting at New York and some meetings thereto belonging as expressed in their certificates of 4th Mo: last, have returned the same with acceptable endorsements from each meeting.—

We conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th Mo: next at New Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 12Mo. 1st 1825.—

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Kelley, Anne Wing and Chloe Swift 2nd.— Pembroke— Mary Shepherd, Alice Rogers.— Dartmouth Sarah Gifford Phebe Tripp, Mary Davis.— Nantucket Alice Barnard Elizabeth Barney Westport, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Tripp, Barbara Gifford, New-Bedford Sylvia Grinnell Rachel Thornton Rhoda Howland, Susanna Wignene and Hannah Nye.— Nantucket No: dist: Lydia Gardner and Lydia G. Hussey.— all present.—

Mary Taber is appointed Clerk, and Rachel Thornton Assistant for the day.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries have been received and read.—

Our beloved friend Susan R. Smith from Burlington monthly meeting, New-Jersey has been with us at the present time producing certificates of concurrence from her respective Monthly and Quarterly Meetings, her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to the above minute.—

Also Susanna Newbold her companion, with a minute from Upper Springfield monthly meeting N. J. has been acceptably with us at this time, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute conformable to the above.—

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from Baltimore and Virginia Yearly Meetings of Women Friends have been read to our satisfaction at this time.—

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted, in 4th Mo: next at New Bedford

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th Mo 6th 1826.—

Representatives for Sandwich Chloe Gifford Rosa Kelley, Elizabeth Kelley Elizabeth Wing. Pembroke Alice Rogers, Mary Otis. Dartmouth Hannah Slade Phebe Anthony Jemima Allen- Nantucket Lydia Swain, Sarah Barnard, Rachel Hussey.- Westport Martha Gifford Esther Hewitt, Eunice Gifford.— New Bedford Sarah Davis Rachel Thornton, Rhoda Howland Susanna Congdon, Grace Davis.- Nantucket Mo: dist. Mary Barney and Elizabeth Foy.- present except one who was prevented by indisposition.—

Mary Otis and Rachel Thornton are appointed Clerk and Assistant for the day.-

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the Queries have been read, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Mary Tabor, Alice Rogers, Elizabeth Shipp Elizabeth Kelley Sarah Tucker, Susanna Gardner, Lydia Hussey and Deborah Otis.—

Our friend Sarah Tucker having accomplished her religious visit within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly meeting as expressed in her certificate of 6th Mo: last has returned the same with acceptable endorsements from Falls and Chester monthly meetings.—

Rachel Swain having been proposed to the station of an elder from Nantucket Mo: dist.- the subject is referred to the weighty consideration of another Quarterly Meeting.-

We unite with Sandwich monthly Meeting in the appointment of Prince Gifford to the station of an elder.-

A Testimony of New Bedford monthly meeting respecting our beloved deceased friend James Davis has been acceptably read at this time.— —

The committee appointed in 7th Mo: last on the subject of our members in Nova Scotia, inform this meeting that there are three by the name of Elliots and three by the name of Coleman who have married out of society, and they think it best under those circumstances to disown them.— we therefore unite with men friends that a minute of denial should be made against them by Nantucket monthly meeting,— and that John B. Coleman, his wife and five children should continue members at present

Transcripts of Epistles from New-York and Indiana Yearly meetings have been read at this time.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again if permitted, in 7th Mo next at Nantucket— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo 6th 1826.—

Representatives for Sandwich Hannah Gifford Lydia H. Wing Hannah Kelley.— Pembroke Sarah Keen. Mary Shepherd— Nantucket Thankful Jones, Susan Coffin, Mary Gardner, Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Tabitha Gifford, New Bedford Sarah Allen, Mary Card Ruth Howland. Hannah Nye.— Westport Elizabeth Tripp. Isabel Sherman Nantucket No. dist: Ann Hussey, Lydia G. Hussey all present.—

Phebe Percival and Mary Coffin are appointed Clerks for the day.—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received and read.— Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended.—

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.— —

Met near the hour adjourned to. — representatives all present. —

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson, of Hardshaw-west monthly meeting held at Liverpool, has been with us at this time, producing certificates of concurrence from her respective Monthly and Quarterly meetings, also from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London. — her company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us. — Also Ruth Ely her companion with a minute from Salsbury Monthly Meeting Bucks County Penn: is acceptably with us at this time. — and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute conformable to the above. — —

The Queries, with answers to the usual three from our several Monthly Meetings have been received and read. —

We are informed from New Bedford monthly meeting, that in unity with the judgment of the meeting of ministers and Elders, they disapprove of the public appearances in the ministry of Experience Shearman; with which this meeting, having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein unites. — Mary Card is appointed to inform her thereof. —

We unite with the men's meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of George Mitchell. —

The subject of Rachel Swain being proposed to the station of an Elder being taken into weighty consideration, is feelingly united with: having the concurrence of the men's meeting therein. — Mary Card is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof. —

The business of this meeting being closed, we propose to meet again at Sandwich in 10th mo: next. — — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 5th 1826.— -

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Kelley Esther Dillingham, Mary Wing — Pembroke Alice Rogers Maria Brown.— Dartmouth Sarah Tucker Desire Howland, Elizabeth G. Potter.— Nantucket Elizabeth Barney Alice Barnard. Eliza Coffin — Westport Eunice Gifford; Peace Slade, Mary Macomber — New Bedford, Sylvia Grinnell, Rose Davis Mary Hillar; Deborah Otis — Nantucket No. dist. Elizabeth Swift, Phebe Easton.— - Representatives present except two, one of whom presented a satisfactory reason for her absence—

Mary Taber and Rebecca Wing are appointed Clerks for the day.—

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings together with the Queries and Answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read in this Meeting —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and North Carolina have been satisfactorily read at the present opportunity.— -

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th mo. next at, New Bedford.— - -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 7th 1826.-

Representatives for Sandwich Rose Kelley, Phebe Davis, Mary Wing. Pembroke Alice Rogers, Mary Shepherd,— Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, Sarah Potter Phebe Tripp — Nantucket Phebe Coffin,— Elizabeth Clasby.— Westport Esther Hewitt, Eunice Gifford; Elizabeth Tripp — New Bedford Sylvia Grinnell, Sarah Davis, Micah Taber, Rhoda Howland,— Nantucket No. dist. Sally Stubbs, Ruth Gardner.— Representatives present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given. —

Mary Taber and Rhoda Howland ~~i~~ are appointed Clerks for the day.—

Accounts from our respective mo: meetings, with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received and read in this meeting.—

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly meetings of women friends in New-York and Baltimore have been read to our satisfaction at the present opportunity—

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th Mo next at New-Bedford.——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at New-Bedford 4th Mo: 5th 1827.——

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford Rebecca Wing, Hannah Kelley- Pembroke Sarah Keen, Eady Little.- Dartmouth Phebe Anthony, Sarah Wood— Nantucket Sarah Clasby, Jedida Coffin — Westport.— Innocent Howland, Barbara W Gifford, Anna Macomber. New Bedford Persida Howland, Sarah Allen. Rhoda Howland, Sarah Davis Grace Davis- Nantucket No: dist.— Rachel Baxter,— Ann Hussey.— present.——

Mary Taber is appointed Clerk, and Rebecca Wing Assistant for the ensuing year.—

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with Answers to the Queries have been received and read, a summary of which with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Sarah Tucker, Susan Howland, Elizabeth Mitchell Mary Card, Elizabeth Smith, Martha Bowman Rhoda Howland and Susanna Gardner.—

This meeting unites with the judgment of New-Bedford monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Rotch to the station of an Elder, also in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Sarah Davis, having the concurrence of men friends therein; and Elizabeth Mitchell is appointed to sit in the Select Meeting thereof—

This Meeting also unites with Sandwich mo: meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of William Gifford and Joshua Swift.—

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio and Virginia Yearly meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at the present opportunity.— The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th Mo next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th Mo 5th 1827.—

Representatives for Sandwich Chloe Gifford, Rosa Kelley, Deborah Boyce.— Pembroke Lucy Little and Hepsiba Brooks,— Dartmouth Sarah Gifford, Elizabeth Potter, Mary Macomber, Charlotte Lawrence.— Nantucket Lydia Swain, Hepsibeth Gardner.— Westport Anna Macomber,— Barbara Gifford, Mercy Macomber.— New-Bedford Ruth Swain, Grace Davis, Hannah Tripp, Mary Taber— Nantucket N. dist: Elizabeth Joy, Sarah Hussey, Lydia W. Coleman.— present.—
The assistant Clerk being absent, Rachel G. Austin is appointed for the day.—

Our beloved friend Anna Braithwaite from Great Britain attended this meeting producing satisfactory certificates from the monthly meeting of Kendal, Westmoreland quarterly Meeting, also from the Morning meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, her company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.—

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.—
Met according to adjournment near the 4th hour, representatives present.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been received which with the Queries and answers to the usual three have been read in this meeting.—

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment.—

Our beloved friend Sarah M. Upton attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Creek monthly meeting, state of New York, whose company and religious services have been acceptable to us.—

The company and religious services of our beloved friend Anna M. Thorn from Nine Partners has also been acceptable to us at this time.—

An Epistle from our Yearly Meeting of women friends held 6th Mo last at Newport, R.I. containing much excellent counsel and advice has been read to our satisfaction at the present opportunity;— and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several monthly meetings.—

The report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School committee has also been read in this meeting.— —

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 10th Mo next at Sandwich.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held 10th Mo: 4th 1847.—

Representatives for Sandwich,- Esther Dillingham Elizabeth Kelley, Elizabeth Swift 2nd, Content Russell. Pembroke. Alice Rogers, Mary Otis, Dartmouth Sarah Potter, Tabitha Gifford, Phebe Tripp. Nantucket- Mary Paddock, Lydia Mitchell, Rachel Gardner- Westport- Anna Macomber, Amby Potter, Elizabeth Tripp- New Bedford Merab Taber, Rhoda Howland, Sarah Davis Deborah Otis- Nantucket N. dist. Elizabeth Joy and Phebe Percival.- All present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been received and read, together with the Queries and Answers to the ~~1st~~ 2nd and 10th.—

The clerk reports she has forwarded copies of the Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting to the several monthly Meetings as directed.–

This meeting unites with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary Wing 2nd to the station of an Elder, having the concurrence of men friends therein.–

Transcripts of acceptable epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London and New York have been acceptably read at the present opportunity.–

This meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the state of society as opened at the present time as well as in previous sittings of this meeting, we appoint Anna Macomber, Huldah Gifford, Elisabeth Mitchell Deborah Otis, Susan Howland, Elisabeth Tripp, Elisabeth Kelley and Ruth Davis, to unite with a committee from the men's meeting in visiting such of our monthly, Preparative and particular meetings and individuals as way may open for in the truth, and to labor in the ability that may be given them for the support of our various testimonies, and to impart such advice and assistance as they may be qualified to afford.–

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th Mo: next at New Bedford.–.–

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women

Friends held at New Bedford 12, Mo: 6th 1827.–

Representatives for Sandwich Rosa Kelley, Rebecca Wing 2nd and Mary Wing 2nd Pembroke Alice Hayes Rebecca Brooks Dartmouth Sarah Tucker Sarah Gifford, Sylvia R. Wilber,– Nantucket Lydia Hussey Anna Mitchell.– Westport Esther Hewitt, Innocent Howland, Susanna Macomber.– New Bedford.– Sylvia Grinnell, Lydia Taber, Deborah Howland, [illegible] Thankful Taber– Nantucket north Sarah Hussey Mary Ann Mitchell.––––

Present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.— The assistant Clerk being absent Susan Howland is appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries have been received and read in this meeting.— Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly meetings of women friends in Ohio and Philadelphia have been read to our satisfaction at the present time.— The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th mo next at New Bedford.— —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 4th mo: 3d 1829.—

Representatives for Sandwich. Mary Akin and Rebecca Wing Pembroke Alice Rogers, Mary Otis. Dartmouth Phebe Tripp Sarah Potter, Sarah Tucker Tabitha Gifford, Nantucket Rachel Gardner, Sarah Clasby, Westport Esther Hewitt, Mercy Macomber, Eunice Gifford — New Bedford Sarah Allen, Rhoda Howland, Sarah Davis, Grace Davis, Merab Taber — Nantucket no: dist Susanna Gardner Mary Barney — present.— The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were chosen Mary Taber and Mary Otis are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.— Accounts with answers to the Queries from our respective monthly meetings have been received and read in this meeting, and a summary collected therefrom; which with an account to our Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Elisabeth Mitchell, Mary Allen, Sylvia Grinnell, Sarah Tucker Deborah Otis, Huldah Gifford Lydia Barker, Alice Rogers and Anna Macomber.—

This Meeting having united with Sandwich Monthly meeting in the appointment of Mary Wing 2nd to the station of an Elder,- Elisabeth Mitchell is appointed to inform the Select Yearly Meeting thereof.-

A transcript of an Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting of women friends has been acceptably read at the present time.-

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7th mo next at Nantucket.— — —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo: 3rd 1828.-

Representatives for Sandwich Elisabeth Swift and Rebecca Wing 2nd, Pembroke Sarah Keene and Mary Shephard - Dartmouth, Nancy Tucker, Maria Barker and Desire Howland.- Nantucket Lydia Macy, Eunice Gardner and Jemima Austin Westport Elisabeth Tripp, Esther Hewett, and Mary Macomber.- New Bedford Sarah Russell, Ann Wing, and Rhoda Howland and Sarah Davis - Nantucket no: dis: Eunice Mitchell & Mary Folger - all present -

The assistant Clerk being absent Ann Wing is appointed for the day.-

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment.-

Elisabeth Mitchell reports she has performed her appointment respecting Mary Wing 2nd

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon-

Met near the 4th hour - Representatives present-
Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received which together with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read in this Meeting.-

Our beloved friend Hannah Hartshorn attended this meeting producing a satisfactory certificate from Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting New Jersey - whose company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us ... the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute-

The company and religious services of our dear friends Lydia Breed from Providence and Mary B. Allen from Smithfield Monthly Meetings, have also been acceptable to us at this time -

A transcript of an acceptable Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting of Women Friends has been read at the present opportunity—

The following satisfactory report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School committee has been read in this meeting—

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, in the 6th month, 1828.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee having been read and considered, is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our several Monthly Meetings, for their information.

From the Minutes of the Meeting aforesaid.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT, That they have given their attention to the concerns of the Institution, during the past year, and feel encouraged to believe that the expectations of Friends, in regard to its usefulness to the children and youth of the Society, will be realized.

The School is continued under the charge of ENOCH and LYDIA BREED, as Superintendents; ISAIAH JONES, GEORGE JONES, MOSES MITCHELL, ABIGAIL PEIRCE, MARY ALMY, and LYDIA B. ALLEN, as Teachers. The average number of Scholars for the year past has been one hundred and twenty-one; and their general conduct and improvement have been satisfactory to the Committee. Meetings for worship have been regularly held, and occasionally attended by some of the Committee. The family has been preserved in a good degree of harmony.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund has been received and audited; and the state of the Fund is such, that the Committee think it safe to propose to the Yearly Meeting, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting be admitted after the 1st of 7th month next, at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the several Monthly Meetings have the privilege of sending one child through the year, or two children six months each, free of expense; and that should any surplus remain, that the Committee may consider it safe to appropriate, that it may be at their disposal in aid of the charitable funds of this Institution.

The Committee feel it to be their duty again to recommend to the attention of Parents and others having the care of children, and to the Committees of Monthly Meetings, their previous advices on the interesting subject of Plainness, and particularly the Minutes accompanying their Report in 1825, which were printed and distributed by direction of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

MOSES BROWN.
ELIZABETH CONGDON.

Providence, 5 mo. 2d, 1828.

The following Minutes from our last Yearly Meeting have been read and generally united with:—

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, in the 6th month, 1828.

The following Minutes, adopted with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings:

THIS Meeting having been introduced into a weighty consideration of the relation in which we stand towards Friends of some of the other Yearly Meetings on this continent, in which difficulties have lamentably prevailed, till separation has been the result; we have deemed it our indispensable duty to meet the exigencies of the occasion, by manifesting our unity with those Meetings which have continued steadfast in their adherence to the ancient order, discipline and faith of the Society, and our disunity with those who have receded therefrom; and it is therefore our conclusion, that no removal or other certificates be received from, or transmitted to, such Meetings as are known to have receded from the ancient foundation of the Society. And Friends are cautioned against opening our Meeting-Houses to any who have identified themselves with the bodies thus receding; and all our Members are advised not to attend meetings that may be held or appointed by such.

The annexed extract from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 21st to the 28th of the 4th month last, shew what Meetings within its limits, are in unity with that Yearly Meeting.

Till some more certain information shall be received of the situation of the various Meetings within the compass of the Yearly Meeting of New-York, and other Yearly Meetings in which division, or a departure from those principles and practices which once united us together as one people, is unhappily manifesting itself, we recommend to all our subordinate Meetings, the exercise of a sound discretion in the premises. And should cases occur, in which any of our Meetings find it difficult to decide, they are requested to apply to the Meeting for Sufferings for its advice; and said Meeting is desired to give its attention to the subject, and render all the assistance herein, from time to time, that it may be qualified to afford.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. *Clerk.*

Extract from the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments, from the 21st to the 28th, inclusive, of the 4th month, 1828—accompanying their Epistle of that date.

On considering the difficulty and embarrassment in which Meetings may be involved, for want of knowing whether certificates which may be produced to them are issued by Meetings in unity with us, several Friends are appointed in each of our Quarterly Meetings as correspondents, one or more of whom are to sign (in addition to the usual mode of signing,) all certificates of removal, and all other certificates or minutes given forth for Friends; and it is requested, in order that certificates may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed, that they be addressed or sent to one of those Friends.—The names of the correspondents, with their respective places of residence, are subjoined.

PHILADELPHIA QUARTER—	Joseph Whitaker, *Muncy.*	
	John Lee, *Exeter.*	
	John Paul, Isaac W. Morris,	*Philadelphia.*
ABINGTON QUARTER—	Charles Shoemaker, *Abington.*	
	Jesse Spencer, *Gwynnedd.*	
	James Bell, *Stroudsburg.*	
BUCKS QUARTER—	Joseph Satterthwaite, *Falls Township,* Benjamin Wiggins, *Wrights Town,* John W. Balderson, *Solebury,*	Bucks Co. Pennsylvania.
CONCORD QUARTER—	Joseph Rhoads, *Marple township,* Nathan Sharpless, *Concord,*	Delaware County, Pennsylvania.
	John Forsythe, *West Goshen,* Chester County, Pennsylvania.	
CALN QUARTER—	Robert Moore, *Sadsbury,* Thomas Jackson, *Robeson,* George G. Ashbridge, *Downingtown,*	Chester Co. Pennsylvania.
WESTERN QUARTER—	William Bailey, *London Grove,* Edward B. Temple, *Parkersville Post Office,* Thomas Lambourn, *New Garden,*	Chester Co. Penn.
BURLINGTON QUARTER—	William Allison, *Burlington City,* William Newbold, *Upper Springfield,* Samuel Bunting, *Crosswicks, Burlington Co.* Daniel Parker, *Tuckerton,*	New-Jersey.
HADDONFIELD QUARTER—	Barzillai Leeds, *Great Egg Harbour,* John Gill, *Haddonfield,* Joseph Matlack, *Moorestown,* Joshua Stokes, *Upper Evesham,*	New-Jersey.
SALEM QUARTER—	Samuel Webster, *Woodbury,* Caspar Wistar, *Salem,* George Bacon, *Greenwich,*	New-Jersey.
SHREWSBURY & RAHWAY QUARTER.	Benjamin Parker, *Shrewsbury,* Jacob Parker, *Rahway,* Nathan Vail, *Plainfield,*	New-Jersey.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 10th mo: next at Sandwich -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 2nd 1828 - Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Elisabeth Wing and Rhoda Bowman. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Maria Brown. - Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Tabitha Gifford, Sarah Wood and Sarah Gifford - Nantucket Alice Barnard and Sarah Barnard - Westport Eunice Gifford, Aruby Potter and Barbara Gifford - New Bedford Deborah Howland, Merab Taber, Sarah Russell and Deborah Otis - Nantucket No: dist. Susanna Gardner and Sally Stubbs - all present -

The Assistant Clerk being absent Sarah Russell is appointed for the day.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which together with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read in this meeting -

A valuable Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting has been read in our hearing at the present opportunity, we believe, to general acceptance:

This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sylvia Grinnell to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of men Friends therein. - We also unite with the judgement of the men's meeting in the appointment of Seth Davis to the station of

We are informed from the men's meeting that the subject of uniting the two Monthly Meetings of Nantucket in one meeting, has claimed their attention at this time, and that they were united in believing that such an union would tend to the benefit of Society. It is referred to the Friends now under appointment with the addition of Mary Card, Sarah Tucker, Elizabeth Barker, Mary Akin and Alice Barnard to unite with the committee of the men's meeting in taking the subject under consideration, to extend further care therein, and report at a future meeting.

A transcript of an Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting of women Friends, has been read to our satisfaction at the present time.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12mo next at New Bedford—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held 12mo: 4th 1828— at New Bedford.

Representatives for Sandwich, Elisabeth Kelley, Charlotte Bowman and Lucy Hoxie. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Mary Shephard, Dartmouth Elisabeth Slade and Lucretia Tucker.— Westport, Martha Gifford; Isabel Shearman and Amby Potter. New Bedford Sarah Allen, Mary Taber, Sylvia Grinnell and Hannah Nye— Representatives present—

The assistant clerk being absent, Sarah Russell is appointed for the day—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, those on Nantucket excepted, have been received with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries, which with the Queries have been read in this meeting.—

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio and Virginia Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at this time

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted,) in 4 mo: next at New Bedford—

Sandwich Quarterly of women Friends held at New Bedford 4th Mo: 2nd 1829.—

Representatives for Sandwich Hannah Gifford, Rebecca Wing and Content Russell Pembroke Alice Rogers and Mary Shephard; Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Sarah Potter and Mary Gifford. Nantucket Mary Gardner and Lydia Hussey Westport Esther Hewett. Sarah Devol and Barbara Gifford New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Mary Taber, Sarah Allen, Hannah Tripp and Grace Davis— Nantucket no: dist Susanna Gardner and Sally Stubbs— Present—

The time having expired for which the clerks were chosen, Mary Taber and Phebe Percival are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries have been received and read in this meeting, a summary whereof with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Susan Howland, Sylvia Grinnell, Sarah Tucker, Mary

Mary Shephard and Mary Clasby

We are informed from Sandwich monthly Meeting that they have united with the select Meeting in approving public appearances in the ministry of Huldah Gifford, which is feelingly united with in this meeting, having the concurrence of men Friends therein. and Sarah Wood is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof—

The committee to whom was referred the subject of uniting the two monthly Meetings of Nantucket, report as follows:—

"That several of their number attended their meetings in the 10th Mo: last, and some of them several times since, and have endeavoured in the ability afforded, to answer the objects of their appointment;— that the South meeting and part of the North Meeting appeared to be fully united with the concern of the Quarterly Meeting in the proposed union.— and that the committee are united in believing that the time has fully come for such an union to take place, and that usefulness is likely to result therefrom— Signed on behalf of the committee by

John H. Davis
Mary Card

Which report being accepted in the men's meeting is also united with in this, and it is concluded to unite the two meetings in 5th Mo: next; the meetings to be held in the following order.— in the 2nd, 3d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th months at the South house— and in the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th months at the North house.— on the last 5th day in each month.— and that this meeting be called Nantucket Monthly Meeting— Susan Howland, Mary Card, Anna Macomber and Mary Clasby are appointed to join a committee from the men's meeting to attend the opening of the united meetings.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from London, North Carolina and Philadelphia, have been read to our satisfaction at the present time.

We unite with the judgment of the men's meeting in the removal of William Rotch Jr from the station of an Elder—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th Mo: next at Nantucket—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 7th mo: 2nd 18[illegible]

Representatives for Sandwich Mary Wing 2nd, Martha Bowerman and Huldah Gifford. Pembroke Sarah Keene and Agatha Robinson. Dartmouth Sarah Russell Susan Howland and Eleanor G. Allen— Westport Eunice Gifford, Lucy Smith and Sarah Wood— New Bedford [illegible], Rebecca Davis, Sarah Davis and Ann H. Wing. Nantucket Sarah Barnard, Ruth Folger and Lydia Hussey. All present except one, prevented by indisposition.

The Clerk being absent, Phebe Percival is appointed Clerk and Ann H. Wing, assistant for the day—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings have been received and read

Representatives to the Yearly meeting report they attended—

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon—

Met, according to adjournment, near the 4th hour Representatives present, except one—

Our beloved friend Ann Jones from England attended this meeting, producing satisfactory certificates from the monthly meeting of Morely in Cheshire; held at Stockport the 22nd of 2nd Mo:; and from Cheshire and Staffordshire Quarterly Meeting at Stockport the 9th of 3rd mo: and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 22nd and 23rd of the 5th Mo and the 2nd of 6 mo 1826

Also our beloved friend Elizabeth Pittfield from Pennsylvania, has been with us at this time; producing a minute of concurrence from the monthly meeting of Philadelphia northern district, held 4th Mo 28th and from the Quarterly Meeting of Philadelphia held 5 Mo: 4th 1829— Their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying—

Answers to the Queries 1st, 2nd and 10th, have been received from our several monthly Meetings and read at this time

Received transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of London, Philadelphia and Ohio, containing much excellent counsel, which have been acceptably read amongst us.

We are informed from the men's meeting that they unite with Nantucket monthly Meeting in dismissing Mark Coffin from the station of an Elder, with which this meeting unites.—

The committee appointed to attend the opening of the united monthly Meetings at Nantucket, have produced the following report, which is united with—

"The committee appointed in 4th Mo: last, to attend the opening of the united Meetings on Nantucket in the 5th Mo: report, that most of them attended, and may inform that the business was orderly conducted, and a good degree of harmony apparent in those who attended—

5 mo 29th 1829.— Signed on behalf of the committee by
Daniel [illegible]
Mary [illegible]

A report from the Trustees of Boarding School Committee has been received, read and accepted at this time—

We conclude to meet again, if permitted, in the 10th Mo, next at Sandwich—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Sandwich tenth month 1st 1827, Representatives for Sandwich, Chloe Gifford, Elizabeth Kelly, and Content Russell — Pembroke Mary Shepherd and [illegible] Dartmouth Phebe Tripp, Phebe Anthony, and Mary Davis. Westport, Barbara Gifford Alice Howell and Ann Macomber. New Bedford Hannah Tripp, [illegible] Tabor, Rhoda Howland, and Mary Howland.— Nantucket, Mary Barnard, and Ann Hussey.— Present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received which together with the queries, and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read.

Our Quarterly Meeting held in fourth Month last was informed from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, that they had united in proposing Elizabeth Kelly to the station of an Elder, but the individual not being present it was referred to a future meeting; the subject having been again introduced at this time, is again referred.

A minute from our last Yearly Meeting has been read and one this, which is directed to be forwarded to all our subordinate Meetings, and be inserted in the books of discipline.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting in 10th mo. 1827 have produced the following report—

The Committee have continued since their last report, to give some attention, to the object of their appointment, and have laboured as way has opened, and although we are sensible, that there are many deficiencies among us, and that a Committee would still be useful, it is our united judgement that the present Committee had better be released at this time, which we submit to the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by George Mitchell
Anna Macomber

Which report is united with.——

An acceptable Epistle, from New-York Yearly Meeting of Woman Friends, has been read to our satisfaction at the present time.

The business of the Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12th mo. next, at New-Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Woman Friends, held at New Bedford 12th mo 3rd 1827 — Representatives for Sandwich, Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth Kelly, and Mary Wing. Pembroke, Alice Rogers, and Mary Shepherd, Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Tabitha Gifford, Hannah Slade, and Sylvia [illegible]. Westport, Elizabeth Tripp and Eunice Gifford. New-Bedford, Sarah Allen, Ann Wing, Grace Davis, and Ruth Howland. Nantucket, Susan Coffin, Mary Paddock, and Sally Stubbs. — all present.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received which together with the queries and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Anne Keene, attended this meeting producing a minute of concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting, held at Lynn, 1st of 9th Mo 1829 - also our beloved friend Mary B. Allen, from Smithfield Monthly Meeting. Their company and gosple labours have been acceptable to us.

The proposition from Sandwich Meeting of Elizabeth Kelly to the station of an Elder, having been again spread before this Meeting and after a season of weighty deliberation thereon, the way not appearing open for uniting therewith, the subject is for the present dismissed.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th Mo. next at New-Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 4th Mo 1st 1830 -

Representatives for Sandwich Rose Kelley, Huldah Gifford, and Rebecca Wing 2d. Rochester Mary Shepherd and Lydia Little Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Elizabeth Slade and Sarah Wood - Westport Esther Hewett Anna Macomber and Martha Gifford - New Bedford, Sarah Allen, Deborah Otis Grace Davis and Merab Taber. Nantucket Lydia Hussey 3d and Mary Stubbs.

Representatives present except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given-

The time having expired for which the clerk and assistant were chosen. Mary Taber and Ann H. Wing are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which together with the Queries and answers thereto, have been read, and a summary collected therefrom, which, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Merab Taber, Hannah Tripp, Sarah Dunham, Anna Macomber, Mary Davis and Alice Rony -

Our esteemed friend Sarah Tucker, in a weighty manner spread before this meeting, a concern which had for some time past rested on her mind, of performing a religious visit to some of the meetings belonging to New York Yearly Meeting, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting; which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospects as Truth may direct, being a Minister in unity with us. The Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to the above minute-

Transcripts of Epistles from Indiana and Virginia Yearly meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7 mo next, at Nantucket-

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo 1st 1830 –

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford and Mary Wing, Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Lydia Little Dartmouth Judith Gifford, Maria ~~Gifford~~ Barker and Sarah Gifford Westport Martha Gifford, Nancy Tucker and Anna Macomber – New Bedford Sarah Russell, Susan Howland, Abigail Davis and Mary Howland – Nantucket, Rachel Swain, Deborah Macy and Elizabeth Barney all present –

The assistant clerk being absent, Mary Stubbs is appointed for the day –

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment.

Our beloved friend, Phebe Field, has been with us at this time, producing a minute of concurrence from Scipio monthly Meeting held 3 mo 17th 1830 – Her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute conformable to this above –

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Met according to adjournment near the 4th hour – Representatives present –

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which together with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th, have been read in this meeting –

The following report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee ith minutes from our last Yearly Meeting have been read at this time –

The subject of marrying in the kindred by Affinity, having been brought under the view of this Meeting, received its solid and deliberate consideration; and it is concluded that the construction of our Yearly Meeting, as particularly defined in the year 1773, [namely, That our members be not allowed to marry a deceased wife's sister, or a deceased husband's brother,] shall hereafter be considered as the construction to be given to our present Discipline.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this Minute to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, to be inserted in the Books of Discipline in their possession.

Copied, by direction, from the Minutes of said Meeting, by

Abm Shearman Jr. Clerk

The Clerk is directed to forward to Salem Monthly Meeting a copy of a minute made in our Quarterly Meeting in 12 mo 1829 on behalf of our friend Avice Keene— A Transcript of an acceptable Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of women Friends has been read to our satisfaction at the present time.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 10 mo next at Sandwich—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, of Women Friends, held at Sandwich, 10th mo. 7th 1830. Representatives for Sandwich, Chloe Gifford, Rebecca Wing, and Elizabeth Kelly. Pembroke Edy Little, and Elisabeth Estes. Dartmouth, Anna Potter, Mary Davis, and Phebe Tripp. Westport, Eunice Gifford, Esther Hewett, and Peace Slade, New-Bedford, Merab Taber, Abigail Davis, Ann H. Wing, and Rhoda Howland. Nantucket, Lydia Swain, Rachel Gardner, and Phebe Coffin 2nd — , representatives all present.—

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the three usual queries, have been recieved and read.

This Meeting unites with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in approving the publick appearances in the ministry, of Hannah Slade; also with New-Bedford Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Mary Howland, to the station of an Elder; having the concurrence of the Mens Meeting therein; and Rhoda Howland is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also the London General Epistle, have been acceptably read at this time.—

This Meeting unites with the judgement of Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the removal of Gilbert Coffin, from the station of an elder,—

Our beloved friends, Lydia Breed, Mary B. Allen, and Avice Keene, from neighbouring Quarterly Meetings, have been acceptably with us at this time, being a part of the Yearly Meetings Committee.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12th Mo. next, at New-Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New-Bedford 12th mo. 2nd 1830. Representatives for Sandwich; Rosa Kelly, Elizabeth Wing, and Roby Akin; Pembroke, Alice Rogers, and Edy Little; Dartmouth, Elizabeth Slade, Sarah Potter, and Sylvia R. Wilber; Westport, Esther Hewitt, Elizabeth G. Wilber, and Innocent Howland; New-Bedford; Deborah Otis, Mehitable Eddy, Mary Howland, and Sarah Russell; Nantucket, Elizabeth Barker, and Mary Ann Mitchell, present except two, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.—

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, have been recieved with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries, which together with queries have been read at this meeting.

Rhoda Howland reports she has attended to her appointmen

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in North Carolina, Baltimore, and Philadelphia, have been acceptably read at this time.

The buisness of this Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th Mo. next at New-Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New-Bedford, 4th mo. 7th 1831.— Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Kelly, Chloe Gifford, and Mary Wing. Pembroke, Alice Rogers, and Elizabeth Phillips; Dartmouth, Sarah Tucker, Sarah Gifford, and Phebe Tripp; Westport, Anne Macomber, Sarah Baker and Eunice Gifford; New-Bedford, Sarah Russell, Grace Davis, Rhoda Howland, and Hannah Tripp; Nantucket, Lydia Munroe, Phebe Percival, and Rachel Swain.— all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and Assistant were chosen, Mary Taber and Ann H. Wing, are reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the queries, have been received, and together with the queries read in this Meeting and a summary collected therefrom which with an account to the Yearly Meeting, is to be forwarded by our representatives Susanna Gardner, Hannah Slade, Anne Macomber, Phebe Tripp, Mary Wing, Alice Rogers, Rhoda Howland, and Rachel Swain.—

Our beloved Friend Rachel Thornton from Creek Monthly Meeting, State of New-York has been with us at this time, producing a minute of concurrence from said Meeting, her company, and religious services, have been acceptable to us; —— We have also had the company of several beloved friends, from Neighbouring Quarterly Meetings, which with their religious labours, have been acceptable to us at this time.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in Virginia, Indiana, and New-York, have been read in this Meeting, we believe, to the strengthening and encouragement of many minds.

The buisness of this Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7th Mo. next at Nantucket.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7th mo. 7th 1831—

Representatives for Sandwich, Content Russell, Chloe Swift, Rhoda Bowerman; Pembroke, Maria Brown, Lydia Little; Dartmouth, Tabitha Gifford, Maria Barker, Hannah Smith, Westport, Elizabeth Tripp, Anna Slade, Sarah T. Gifford, New Bedford, Mary

Howland, Susan Howland, Sylvia Grinnell, Lydia Taber, Mary Card, Nantucket, Sally Coffin, Lydia Swain, Lydia Hussey 5th. Representatives all present except two for whose absence satisfactory excuse is rendered.

The Clerk and Assistant being absent Phebe Percival is appointed Clerk and Mary Stubbs assistant for the day

The representatives appointed report they attended the Yearly Meeting. — This Meeting adjourns till half past four this afternoon. —

Met agreeably to adjournment. — Representatives all present that attended this morning. Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, which with the Queries and answers to the usual three have been read in this Meeting

We have had very acceptably with us at this time, the company and religious services of our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse, she having produced certificates of concurrence, from Darlington Monthly Meeting held 16th of 3rd mo. 1830. from Durham Quarterly Meeting, held at Sunderland, 6th of 4th mo. 1830. and from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London, from 17th to 29th 5th mo. inclusive 1830. all which have been read to satisfaction.

The following report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School committee has been received and read at this time

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 12th to the 17th, inclusive, of the sixth month, 1831.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being considered, was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have during the past year, endeavored to promote the objects of their appointment in a general superintendence of the Institution, and think they may inform, that its various concerns have been conducted in accordance with the intention of Friends in its establishment. Meetings for worship have been regularly kept up, and the family preserved in harmony.

The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Jeremiah Hacker, and Pliny Earl, jun. are at present employed as Teachers in the Boy's School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Sarah Fry, and Dorcas Fry, in the Girls'. Benjamin B. Hussey, Lydia B. Allen, and Phebe Burgess, have also been employed during a part of the past year. Arrangements are now made with Caroline Cartland to occupy the place of an associate Teacher, and she is expected to enter upon her duties as such in a few days.

The average number of Scholars during the year has been one hundred and twenty-eight. Their health has been generally good, and their conduct and improvement in their studies have been satisfactory to the Committee.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited, and the state of the fund is such, that the Committee think it safe to propose, that children who are members of this Yearly Meeting continue to be admitted at twelve and a half dollars per quarter, and that the privilege of sending children, free of expense, be continued to Monthly Meetings the same as last year.

The subject of extending the branches of education in the School, which was referred to the Committee by the last Yearly Meeting, claimed their early consideration, and they have proceeded in the erection of an addition to the School House, suitable for the accommodation of Scholars who wish to pursue a more extended course of education. A person to have the charge of these branches of learning has not yet been procured, but the Committee entertain a hope, that one suitably qualified, may soon be engaged.

It still continues to be the earnest desire of the Committee, that Friends who place their children in the School should be careful that they are habited in plain attire, and instructed to conform carefully to the rules and regulations of the Institution.—And they feel the propriety of again reviving the advice contained in their Report, last year, that Friends avoid sending Boys over fourteen years of age to the School, until they have first obtained the approbation of the Committee that meets at Providence on the third day-after the last fifth-day in each month.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

MOSES BROWN,
ALICE RATHBUN.

Providence, 5 mo. 6, 1831.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) at Sandwich in 10mo next—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held 10mo 6th 1831—

Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Kelley, Martha Bowman and Lydia H. Wing— Pembroke Edy Little and Sarah Keene. Dartmouth, Phebe Anthony, Julia R. Wilbur and Elizabeth G. Potter. Westport Barbara Gifford, Esther Hewett and Nancy Tucker, New Bedford Sarah Russell, Sylvia Grinnell and Mary Howland— Nantucket, Eliza Coffin and Mary Stubbs— Present, except one—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which together with the Queries and answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read in this meeting—

This meeting unites with Dartmouth monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mary Davis, having the concurrence of men friends therein,— and Rhoda Howland is appointed to inform the select Meeting thereof—

Our beloved friends Zaccheus and Elizabeth Bowman attended this meeting producing minutes of concurrence from Sidney monthly meeting,— their company, and the gospel labours of the former have been acceptable to us,— and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on the minute of the latter expressive hereof—

Our beloved friend, Sarah Tucker, returned at this time, a certificate granted her in 4mo 1830, having at that time a prospect of paying a religious visit to some of the meetings belonging to New-York Yearly Meeting, from which she now apprehends herself released, with which this meeting is satisfied—

The London printed Epistle has been acceptably read at this time—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted) in 12mo next at New Bedford—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 12mo 1st 1831

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Mary Wing and Elizabeth Kelley. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Maria Brown. Dartmouth Sarah C. Gifford. Sarah Potter and Sarah Wood. Nantucket Anna Mitchell and Lydia Swain. Westport Elizabeth Tripp, Eunice Gifford and Sarah Devol. New-Bedford, Susanna Congdon, Hepsiba Howland, Merab Taber and Abigail Davis–

Representatives not all present but satisfactory reasons given for their absence.–

The assistant clerk being absent Susan Howland is appointed for the day.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which together with the Queries and answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th, have been read in this meeting–

Our beloved friend Martha Meeder attended this meeting, producing a minute of concurrence from Sandwich monthly Meeting in New-Hampshire– her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsment on her minute conformable to the above

We are informed from the men's meeting that they have united with Westport monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Slade to the station of an Elder, which has our concurrence–

Rhoda Howland reports she has performed her appointment–

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends of Philadelphia and Virginia, have been acceptably read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4 mo next at New Bedford–

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 4mo 5th 1832.

Representatives for Sandwich Content Russell, Lydia Crowell and Hannah Gifford.– Pembroke Hepsiba Brooks and Elisabeth Philips– Dartmouth, Mary W. Tucker, Phebe Tripp and Mary Davis– Nantucket Elisabeth Barney, Sarah Barnard and Alice Barnard. Westport Esther Hewett Martha Gifford and Mary Macomber– New Bedford Mary Rowland Ruth Howland Deborah Howland and Sarah Russell. Present, except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned–

The time having expired for which the clerks were chosen, Mary Taber is appointed clerk for the ensuing year, and Abigail Davis assistant for the day–

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, and with the Queries and answers read in this meeting; a summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting, are to be forwarded by our representatives;

Elizabeth Tripp, Abigail Davis, Mary Shepherd, Anna Macomber, [illegible] Gardner Rhoda Howland Sarah Barnard and Sarah Tucker—

The Clerk reports that agreeable to the direction of our last Quarterly Meeting she signed an endorsement on the minute of our friend Martha Meeder.—

We are informed from Nantucket monthly Meeting, that their meetings for worship have been united so as to constitute one meeting, and that the united meeting is held at the South house;- and it is proposed that all their meetings for discipline be held at the South house after those of the present month,- which being united with in the men's meeting, has our concurrence also—

A Transcript of an Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting of women Friends has been acceptably read at this time.—

The business of this Meeting being finished, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7mo next at Nantucket ——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo 5th 1832—

Representatives for Sandwich, Rhoda Bowman, Anna D. Wing and Sarah Gifford Pembroke Sarah Keen and Mary Shepherd, Dartmouth, Anna Potter, Maria Barker and Sylvia H. Wilbur, Westport, Elizabeth Tripp, Anna Macomber and Mary Macomber, Nantucket, Rachel Austin, Elizabeth Clasby and Mary Joy— New Bedford Hepsibah Howland Ann H. Wing, Mary Taber and Elizabeth Russell - present except one:-

Abigail Davis is appointed Assistant Clerk—

The representatives to Yearly Meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment, except one, who was prevented by indisposition—

Our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse, being with us at this time, her certificate has been again read to our satisfaction - Her company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying to us.—

Our friend Eliza Kirkbride, companion to Hannah C. Backhouse is also acceptably with us, producing a minute of concurrence from Philadelphia monthly Meeting for the western district.—

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.—

Met near the fourth hour— Representatives present that attended the first sitting—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, which with the Queries, and answers to the same there have been read in this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from London and Baltimore Yearly Meetings have been acceptably read at this time—

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of men friends containing much salutary counsel, has been read in this meeting, with the following satisfactory report of the Boarding School Committee —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 10th to the 15th, inclusive, of the 6th mo. 1832.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, viz.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have, during the past year, superintended the Institution, and have cause to believe that it has been conducted in good degree as contemplated by Friends in its establishment. Meetings have been regularly kept up as heretofore. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-three.

The School has been continued under the care of Enoch and Lydia Breed as Superintendents, with the assistance of Stephen and Hannah Gould. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl, jun. and Jonathan Slocum have been employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary Griscom, and Caroline Cartland, in the Girls'. Moses B. Lockwood and Isabella Horton have also been engaged as assistants, during a part of the year.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the School Fund and of the Superintendent have been received and audited. The state of the Fund is such that the Committee think it safest to propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, *six* months, free of expense, and that the price for Scholars generally be continued the same as last year.

The Committee believe it best to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, the recommending to Friends to endeavour to send their children to the School, as nearly as may be at the following periods, viz. *at the time of our Yearly Meeting*, or in the *first week* of the *second*, *fifth*, *eighth* and *eleventh* months. And they would further propose, that children should not be sent for a less time than six months; unless under peculiar circumstances, the consent of the sub-committee be obtained for a less term.

Since our last Report, the department of the School for instruction in the Languages and some of the higher branches of Science has been commenced under the care of Samuel J. Gummere, whose services have been performed acceptably to this Committee. The terms for the admission of Scholars, who are members of our Yearly Meeting, into this department, are One hundred Dollars per annum, exclusive of Books and Stationary, and no Scholar is admitted for a less term than one year, nor until permission shall have been granted for such admission by the sub-committee.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, the Committee have cause to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the Family and Scholars have been generally preserved in health.

Signed by appointment, and on behalf of the School Committee, held at Providence, 5th month 4th, 1832, by

MOSES BROWN,
ELIZABETH WING.

[Which Report was referred to the consideration of a Committee composed of Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings, who at a subsequent sitting reported, that they had carefully considered the propositions relative to a periodical admission of Scholars, and the requisition that children be sent to the School for a term not less than six months, (unless under peculiar circumstances,) and were united in the opinion, that the adoption of these propositions will contribute to the advantage of the School, and not injuriously affect the convenience of parents. —Which being read and considered, the foregoing Report of the Boarding School Committee, was in conformity therewith accepted, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.]

The subject of the School having again been revived, the Clerk was directed to annex to the Report of the Committee now to be sent down, the following extracts from advices approved by this Meeting, in 1825, viz.

"The School Committee, in the discharge of the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, have found it necessary from time to time to recur to the great object, which the Yearly Meeting itself, as well as the Friends who have contributed to the funds of the Institution, have had in view in the establishment of the School, and which they think cannot be better expressed than in the language which accompanied the bequest of one of its early friends and most liberal benefactors; that our children and youth "may receive a religious guarded "education, free from the contaminating influence of the vain fashionable world, which leads young minds from the "simplicity of the truth, and that meek and quiet spirit exhibited by our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "whom we profess to follow."

It was in accordance with these views, that the Committee were induced, in the 2d month, 1819, soon after the School was in operation, to forward the following minute to the several Monthly Meetings, viz:

"It has appeared necessary, from experience derived since the opening of the Institution, that more general "circumspection should be extended in sending children to the School. And to preserve the order necessary to "carry the object of the Yearly Meeting into more complete effect, it is recommended that each Monthly Meeting "appoint a few suitable friends to whom [seasonable] application may be made by Parents or Guardians of Children who are desirous of placing them at the School; that the Friends so appointed consider it their duty not only "to enjoin that the children come in a plain dress, and in the use of the plain Scripture language, but that they are "of good habits; and that they give a few lines to that import, for the information of the Superintendents and Instructors at the School.

The Committee now feel it to be their duty to recommend to the Monthly Meetings a greater extension of care to these objects, and that the appointment of such Committees be revived by them, to act in connection with the members of this Committee, if any, who may reside within the limits of each Monthly Meeting."

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

This meeting is informed by our men Friends that in Pembroke monthly Meeting there are no standing Elders, and that they had concluded to appoint a committee to visit that meeting, which being united with in this, we appoint Mary Card, Anna Macomber, Elisabeth Barker, Mary Glasby, Elizabeth Tripp and Abigail Davis to join a committee of men Friends in visiting said meeting and extending such advice and assistance on that, and other subjects as way may open for, and report at our next Quarterly Meeting—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted) in 10mo next at Sandwich—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 4th 1832.

Representatives for Sandwich Rosa Kelley Mary Wing and Chloe Swift Pembroke Eliza Little and Deborah Rogers. Dartmouth Phebe Tripp, Sarah Potter and Mary Davis. Nantucket Hannah Swain, Rebecca Coffin and Elizabeth Gardner. New Bedford Mary Howland, Grace Davis, Deborah Howland and Sylvia Grinnell. Westport Deborah Gifford Esther Hewitt and [illegible] Slade.

Representatives present except two for whose absence, satisfactory reasons were given.

Accounts from all the monthly Meetings constituting this, have been received, with the three usual answers, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.—

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, also transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and Indiana Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been accepted & read at this time.—

The committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting to visit Pembroke monthly Meeting, inform they have given attention to the service of their appointment, but were not ready to make a full report which is accepted, and the same committee continued, to report when ready.

Our endeared friend Hannah C. Backhouse is again with us at this time, whose company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.—

The company of her companion Eliza P. Kirkbride has also been acceptable.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12mo next at New Bedford——

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 6th 1832—

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Wing, Elisabeth Kelley, Hepsibah W. Swift and Lydia H. Wing. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Sarah Keen Dartmouth, Elizabeth Slade, Hannah Smith and Sylvia R. Wilbur Westport Mercy Gifford, Mary Macomber and Peace Slade— New Bedford Sarah Haskins, Eunice Wood, Sarah Russell and Rhoda Howland, who are all present—

Accounts from all the monthly meetings constituting this, have been received, except Nantucket, with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting—

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in Ohio and New York have been read at the present time to our satisfaction—

The company and religious services of our friend Elizabeth Wing:— also the company of our friend Ruth Rodman have been acceptable to us at this time—

The business of this meeting being finished, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4mo, next at New Bedford—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends

held at New-Bedford 4mo 4th 1833—

Representatives for Sandwich, Huldah Gifford, Mary Wing and Rachel Akin.— Pembroke Sarah Keene and Mary Shephard. Dartmouth, Hannah Smith, Hannah Slade and Sarah Gifford.— Westport Esther Hewett. Mary Macomber and Barbara Gifford. Nantucket Lydia Barker, Alice Barnard and Rachel Austin.— New Bedford Ann H. Wing Lydia Taber, Grace Davis and Rhoda Howland — present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given—

The time having expired for which the Clerk was chosen Mary Taber is appointed for that service the ensuing year—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been rec with answers to the Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting— A summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Abigail Davis, Sylvia Grinnell, Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth Barker. Hannah Slade, Alice Rogers, Mary Davis and Esther Hewett—

Transcripts of Epistles from North Carolina and Virginia Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at this time

This meeting unite with New Bedford monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Joseph Davis—

Our beloved friends Hannah Dennis from Rhode Island and Mary B. Allen from Smithfield monthly Meetings have been with us at this time, whose company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7mo next at Nantucket—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7mo 4th 1833.— Representatives for Sandwich Lydia H. Wing, Elizabeth Swift, and Virtue Bowerman, Pembroke, Mary Shepard and Beulah Rogers. Dartmouth, Nancy Tucker, Sylvia R Wilbur and Mary Davis, Westport. Mercy Gifford Peace Slade and Mary Macomber 2d, Nantucket. Eliza Barker Mary Ray, Mary Stubbs and Lydia Hussey 5th. New Bedford Abigail Davis, Mary Taber Mercy Davis, Phebe Swift and Susanna Congdon — all present the time having expired for which the assistant Clerk was chosen, Abigail Davis is again appointed to that service for the ensuing year.—

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing much excellent counsel has been read, we believe, to the strengthening and encouragement of many minds.—

This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon — Met near the 4th hour Representatives present

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries have been received which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting—

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform they attended agreeable to appointment.

Our beloved friend Mildred Ratcliff being with us at this time, producing certificates from Westland monthly Meeting, Washington county, also from Redstone Quarterly Meeting, Fayette county, state of Pennsylvania, expressive of their unity and sympathy with her engagement — her company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.—

The company of our dear friend Ruth Smith, companion of Mildred Ratcliff has also been acceptable to us, she having produced a minute of concurrence from Westland monthly meeting Washington county Penn. The clerk is directed to sign endorsements on these certificates conformable to the above minutes.

The company and religious services of our dear friend Hannah Dennis from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has been acceptable to us at this time, she producing a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island monthly meeting.—

We may also acknowledge that the company and religious services of our dear friend Mary Allen from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, Rhode Island has been acceptable to us.—

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from London and New York Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been read at the present opportunity.— Also the following satisfactory report of the Boarding School committee. —

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,--Sixth Month, 1833.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the Meeting, and after a free discussion of its contents, the propositions therein submitted for consideration, were agreed to, and the Report accepted; and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,
ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,
To be held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth Month next.

The Boarding School Committee Report, That they have during the past year, given attention to the various concerns of the Institution, and that they have been conducted, in good degree to their satisfaction. Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved.

The average number of Scholars during the year, has been one hundred and seventy-two.—The School is continued under the immediate care of Enoch and Lydia Breed, as Superintendents, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould.—Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earle, jun. and Jonathan Slocum, are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, and Martha Barker, in the Girls'.—The latter of whom, for six months, rendered gratuitous service to the Institution.—Samuel J. Gummere continues to have charge of the department for Languages, &c.

It having long been believed by the Committee, that the School might be improved, and its advantages to the Children greatly enhanced, by having some person employed to superintend its literary concerns, who, by his experience in the business of teaching, and by his acquirements, would be qualified to render advice to the Teachers, to examine the Scholars in their several studies, and to extend an immediate supervisory care over every department of the School.—With this belief, in the 12th month last, our friend John Griscom, from New-York, was introduced into the Institution, and the services he has rendered in the manner above specified, and by lecturing on different subjects, have been satisfactory to us, and we believe have tended in various ways to the essential improvement of the Scholars.

By settling the accounts, it appears that at the present prices for board and tuition, the income will not meet the expenditures of the School.—The Committee, after maturely weighing the subject, have concluded to propose to the Yearly Meeting; that after the first of eighth month next, members of Society, of this Yearly Meeting, be received for fifteen dollars per quarter; that those who are not members of Society, but who have one or both parents members, be received for twenty-two and a half dollars per quarter; and should any who are not thus connected with Friends be received, that the price be thirty dollars per quarter; that to those who are admitted into the School for Languages, &c. and that to members of other Yearly Meetings, the price be continued as heretofore;—And that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense, be extended to each Monthly Meeting, as last year. Although by this arrangement, the expense to parents who place their children in this Institution will be a little augmented, still the Committee have confidence in believing that there will be ample remuneration in the increased advantages the School now presents for the improvement of the Scholars.

In the seventh month of last year, in consequence of the appearance of the Cholera in our country, and the effect produced upon the minds of the children by the approach of this fearful malady, it was deemed most prudent, under the advisement of the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School for a season. It was not considered best to re-assemble the scholars until the tenth month, when the School was again opened, and those who had left generally returned.

Although during the past year the visitations of sickness and death have been many in our country, and we have not wholly escaped, yet we feel bound thankfully to commemorate the preservation that has been extended to us by Him, from whom are all our sure mercies.

Signed by direction, and on behalf of the Committee, by
WILLIAM JENKINS, *Clerk.*

Yearly Meeting Boarding School,
Providence, 5th mo. 3d, 1833.

We conclude, to meet again (if permitted) in 10mo next at Sandwich—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 3. 1833.

Representatives for Sandwich Martha Bowman, Anna Wing and Lucy Akin Dartmouth Sarah Potter, Anna Potter and Judith Gifford Pembroke Lydia Little and Elizabeth Smith. Westport Barbara Gifford Anna Slade and Esther Hewett. Nantucket Lydia Hussey 4th, Judith Barker and Christina Gale. New Bedford Grace Davis, Sarah Russell, Merab Taber and Rhoda Howland. - Representatives present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries, have been received, and together with the Queries, read in this meeting.

We are informed from Pembroke monthly Meeting, that they have united in proposing Alice Rogers to the station of an Elder, which is also united with in this meeting, having the concurrence of men friends therein, - and Mary Davis is appointed to inform the select Meeting thereof. -

The Clerk reports, she has signed endorsements on the several certificates as directed by the Quarterly Meeting in 7mo last. -

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends, in Ohio and Baltimore, have been acceptably read at the present time. -

A copy of a minute of our last Yearly Meeting, recommending the establishment of libraries in our several monthly Meetings, - also that increased attention be paid to education, and schools for the children of Friends has been read at this time. -

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12mo next at New Bedford. -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 12mo 5th 1833. -

Representatives for Sandwich, Rosa Kelley, Hannah Gifford and Rebecca Wing 2nd Pembroke, Sarah Keene and Mary Shephard. Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Tabitha Gifford and Sarah C. Gifford. Westport Sarah Tripp, Mercy Gifford and Esther Hewett. Nantucket Lydia Swain, Deborah Macy and Susan F. Barnard. - New Bedford Ann H. Wing. Merab Taber, Anna Russell and Phebe Swift. - All present -

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries have been received, and together with the Queries, read in this meeting -

Mary Davis reports she has performed her appointment in the case of Alice Rogers.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends in Indiana, and Virginia, have been read at the present opportunity.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4mo next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 3d 1834—

Representatives for Sandwich Elizabeth Wing and Mary Wing Dartmouth Mary S. Gifford and Deborah A. Rogers, [illegible] Susan Gifford, Sabitha Gifford and Lydia K. Wilbor. Westport Barbara Gifford, Eunice Gifford and Mary Macomber, Nantucket Mary Gardner, Hannah Swain and Mary Stubbs New Bedford Grace Davis, Mary Card, Lydia Taber Susanna Congdon and Ann H. Wing— Present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

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The time having expired for which the Clerk was chosen Mary Tabor is appointed for the ensuing year—

The assistant clerk being absent Ann H. Wing is appointed for the day—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, have been received with answers to the Queries, which with the Queries have been read in this meeting, and a summary collected therefrom, which, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives, Grace Davis, Susan Howland, Mary A. Tucker, Anna Macomber, Alice Barnard, Susanna Gardner, Mary Wing and Mary Shepherd.—

The company and religious services of our beloved friends Betsey Purinton and Elizabeth Wing from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting have been acceptable to us at this time.—

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7 mo next at Nantucket—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket, 7 mo 3d 1834.

Representatives for Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Rhoda Bowman and Deborah H. Wing.— Dartmouth, Anna Potter, Susan Gifford and Mary Davis.— Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Elizabeth Phillips.— Nantucket Lydia Swain, Jedida Lawrence and Lydia Barker— Westport Martha Gifford, Barbara Gifford and Hannah Kirby.— New Bedford Sylvia Grinnell, Lydia Taber, Susan Howland and Sarah Russell. present except one.—

The assistant clerk being absent Ann H. Wing is appointed to the service for the day.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report they all attended except [illegible]

This meeting adjourns to [illegible]

Met near the 9th hour [illegible] the first sitting.

Accounts from our several Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries have been received, and read with the Queries in this meeting –

A satisfactory report of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee has been read at this time, and is as follows.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,

Sixth Month, 1834.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

During the consideration of the Report, a deep feeling of interest for the best welfare of the Institution was spread over the Meeting; and while the benefits that have already resulted from it, to the children and youth of the Society, were freely acknowledged, an earnest solicitude was expressed, that the Committee, in the discharge of the important and arduous trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, may be encouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which led to the establishment of the School, as a means for promoting the acquisition of useful learning, in connexion with the moral and religious improvement of the Children, consistently with the principles and testimonies which we as a Society believe ourselves called upon to maintain.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to plainness and simplicity of attire, was cordially united with; the Committees of Monthly Meetings were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this respect; and Parents and others having the charge of Children, were impressively exhorted to lend their assistance in promoting this desirable object.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jr. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured to discharge the services confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-eight; seventeen of whom have been pupils in the department of the School for instruction in Languages, &c. The School is continued under the immediate superintendence of Enoch and Lydia Breed, in which capacity they are assisted by Stephen and Hannah Gould. John Griscom is still usefully employed to superintend the literary department of the Institution. Moses A. Cartland, Pliny Earl and Jonathan Slocum are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Deborah Ramsdell, Mary H. Griscom, Caroline Cartland, Martha Barker and Anna T. Lockwood in the Girls'. Jamuel J. Gummere is continued in charge of the department for Languages, &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months, *free of expense*, be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of *each* quarter be paid in *advance.*

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe, as much as may be, the periods of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of the second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee; and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel, unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance, Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge, that the family and scholars have been preserved in health; and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a Meeting held 2d of 5th month, 1834,

WILLIAM JENKINS, *Clerk.*

Our valued friend, Rebecca Updegraff from Short Creek monthly meeting, Ohio, has been with us at this time whose company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us.

The company of our dear friend, Hannah Collins, from New-York, companion of R. U. has also been acceptable to us.

The company of our beloved friend Elizabeth Coggeshall from New-York has been acceptable to us.

The company and gospel labours of our beloved friend Hannah C. Backhouse from England — also the company of our dear friend Eliza P. Kirkbride her companion, have been acceptable to us at this time.

The Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on these certificates conformable to the above minutes.

Some advices extracted from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting on the subject of a more guarded religious and literary education of the children and youth of our Society have been received and read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend, Sarah M. Upton from Nine Partners monthly Meeting, New-York, has been with us at this time, whose company and religious services have been acceptable to us

The committee appointed in 1 mo 1832 to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting report as follows:—

"The committee appointed to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting, have at different times given attention to the subject of their appointment and extended such care and advice as way has opened for; most of their number have attended that meeting, and some of them several times, to pretty good satisfaction, and they are now united in believing it will be safe to release the committee, which is submitted to the Quarterly Meeting—

Signed on behalf of the committee by Francis Taber
Geo. Mitchell.
Elizabeth Baker.

Which upon being satisfactory to this meeting is accepted and the same committee continued

A Transcript of an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of women Friends, has been acceptably read at the present time.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted at Sandwich in 10 mo. next

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 2nd 1834.

Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Wing, Elizabeth Kelley and Huldah Gifford. Pembroke Alice Rogers and Edy Little. Dartmouth Phebe Tripp, Mary A. Tucker and Phebe Potter. Westport Barbara Gifford, Mary Gifford and Peace Slade. Nantucket Rebecca Coffin, Christiana Gale and Sally Coffin. New-Bedford Roby Brownell, Sarah Russell, Merab Taber and Jane Davis. All present

The time having expired for which the assistant clerk was chosen; Mary A. Tucker is appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, with answers to the three usual Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, fraught with counsel and encouragement, have been read to our satisfaction; also a transcript of an acceptable Epistle from New-York Yearly Meeting of women Friends.

We are informed by men Friends that they propose to forward to Marlborough monthly Meeting, North Carolina, a minute expressive of the company and gospel labours of our beloved friends Dugan and Asenath Clark, having been acceptable to us - - which is united with in this Meeting and the Clerk directed to sign said minute.

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12mo next at New-Bedford -

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 12mo 4th 1834. -

Representatives for Sandwich, Rosa Kelley, Huldah Gifford and Anna D. Wing. Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Alice Rogers. Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, Sarah Potter, Sarah Gifford and Lucretia Tucker. Westport Eunice Gifford, Esther Hewitt and Mercy Gifford. Nantucket Sarah Stubbs, Judith Coffin and Mary Russell. New Bedford Merab Taber, Jane Davis, Rebekah Howland and Anna Russell - All present -

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries; which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from Indiana and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at the present opportunity -

The company and religious services of our beloved friend Lydia Breed from Providence has been acceptable to us -

Our esteemed friend, Lindley M. Hoag attended this meeting
with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting,
1 New Hampshire,- whose company and religious services have been
acceptable to us.-

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in signing an endorsement on the minute produced by our friend L. M. Hoag.-

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4 mo next at New-Bedford.---

1835 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New-Bedford 4 mo. 9th 1835.-

Representatives from Sandwich, Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth Kelley and Rosa Kelley.- Pembroke Sarah Keene and Mary Shepherd.- Dartmouth Sylvia R. Wilber, Sarah Wood and Phebe Tripp.- Westport Esther Hewett, Barbara Gifford and Mary Macomber, Nantucket, Mary Gardner, Susan Mitchell and Phebe Coffin.- New Bedford Sarah Russell, Grace Davis, Lydia Taber and Ann H. Wing- All present.-

The time having expired for which the Clerk was chosen, Mary Taber is re-appointed to that service for the ensuing year-

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with answers to the queries have been received, and together with the queries, read in this meeting- A summary collected from the answers, with an account to the Yearly Meeting, are to be forwarded by our friends, Rebecca Wing, Susan Howland, Elizabeth Kelley, Ruth Davis, Sylvia Grinnell, Mary Gardner, Sylvia R. Wilber, Esther Hewett and Phebe Tripp,- whom we have appointed representatives to the Yearly Meeting-

The company and religious services of our beloved friends, Lydia Breed and Mary B. Allen, from neighbouring Quarterly Meetings, have been comfortable and encouraging to us at this time.-

Transcripts of Epistles from North Carolina and Ohio Yearly Meetings of women Friends, have been acceptably read in this meeting.-

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted) in 7 mo next at Nantucket.-

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo. 2nd 1835

Representatives for Sandwich, Huldah Gifford and Phebe Bowerman. Falmouth, Lydia Little and Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth, Charlotte Lawrence, Anna Potter and Mary W. Tucker. Westport, Mary Macomber, Mercy Gifford and Anna Slade. Nantucket, Sarah Hussey, Mary Ray and Eliza Coffin. New-Bedford, Abigail Davis, Mary Taber, Susan Howland and Mary Howland. Present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given. –

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report they attended agreeable to appointment, except two, who were prevented by indisposition. –

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon –

Fifth day afternoon, met near the 4th hour – Representatives present that attended the first sitting. –

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries, have been received, and together with the Queries, read in this meeting. –

Our beloved friend Huldah Hoag, attended this meeting, producing a minute of concurrence from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. –

Our beloved friend Betsey Purinton has been with us at this time, producing a satisfactory minute from Providence monthly Meeting whose company and religious services have been acceptable. –

Our beloved friend Joanna Meader also attended this meeting furnished with a minute of concurrence from Vassalborough monthly Meeting; her company and religious labours have been acceptable to us, – and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their respective minutes expressive of the sense of this meeting

We are informed from New Bedford Monthly Meeting that they have united with a proposal from the Select Meeting to appoint Mary Taber to the station of an Elder, which is also united with in this meeting; having the concurrence of men Friends therein –

Extracts from the minutes of the Yearly Meeting of men Friends, containing much weighty counsel, caution and advice, have been acceptably read at this time. –

A satisfactory report of the Boarding School committee has been read, and is as follows: –

1835

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,
from the 14th to the 19th inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1835.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,
A. SHEARMAN, Jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. In doing this they have not been unmindful of the objects Friends have had in view in the establishment of the School, and of the wishes of its benevolent donors.

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and forty-three, eleven of whom have been pupils in the department for languages, &c.

Our friends Seth and Mary Davis, of Dartmouth, have been engaged as Superintendents of the School, to supply the place of our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed, who have acceptably served us in that capacity for the past eleven years, and now wish to be released. Our friend John Griscom has continued his services in the Institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of seventh month next. Isaac Hathaway is employed as a book-keeper, and care-taker of the Boys, out of school hours; and Christina Gale has charge of the sewing-school, and is care-taker of the Girls, out of school hours.

Pliny Earle, Jonathan Slocum, George W. Read and Louis Cook, are engaged as Teachers in the Boys' school, and Mary-Ann Barker, Martha Barker and Emeline Aldrich in the Girls'. Samuel J. Gummere having left the Institution, the instruction in the Languages will be continued under the care of George W. Read; and it is proposed for the future, instead of the terms heretofore established, that *five dollars per quarter* be charged for the study of the Languages, in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the School from the funds and the amount paid for scholars, have about met the expenses; and the Committee consequently propose, that the terms for board, tuition, &c. be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months, free of expense, be continued to each Monthly Meeting. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of *each quarter* be paid in advance, inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends, that in sending their children to the School, the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed, as far as practicable, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2d, 5th, 8th and 11th months.

In reviewing the past year, in relation to this Institution, we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowedge the preservation extended to us, under which the School has continued to be conducted, we trust, to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,
ARNOLD CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Yearly Meeting Boarding School, 5th mo. 8, 1835.

At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

The Committee on the subject of Education produced the following Report, viz.

"The Committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The religious and guarded education of our children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of Education may be revived in Friends' minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable.

The institution of Family Schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment, as way may open for it.

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings:

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools)—and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings, and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit their answers to our next Yearly Meeting."

——Which being read and considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the same to our several subordinate Meetings; who were requested to give the necessary attention to preparing and transmiting answers to the two Queries, as proposed.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted,) in 10th Mo next at Sandwich—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 1st 1835 -

1835 Representatives for Sandwich, Mary Wing, Anna Wing and Mary Gifford. Pembroke, Elizabeth Phillips and Edy Little. Dartmouth Phebe Anthony, Lucretia Tucker and Sarah Gifford. Westport Esther Hewett, Peace Slade and Mercy Gifford - Nantucket Mary Paddock, Ann Barney and Sarah Clisby - New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Grace Davis, Phebe Swift and Sylvia Grinnell present - Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received, with answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th Queries, and together with the Queries read in this meeting -

Transcripts of Epistles from the yearly meetings of women Friends of London and Philadelphia, have been acceptably read at the present opportunity - The company of our esteemed friend Elizabeth [illegible] from Sidney monthly meeting, has been acceptable to us -

Men Friends inform that they have united with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Abraham Russell to the station of an Elder with which this meeting concurs -

This meeting also unites with the judgment of men Friends in the the removal of Zenas Gardner from the station of an Elder -

The following extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read at this time, viz.

ON assembling collectively for the purpose of transacting the important concerns of the Church, and entering into the examination of the state of our respective Meetings, we have been renewedly confirmed that the value of true Christian fellowship is indeed above all price, and we have craved that we may so dwell in the light, as to experience the bonds hereof to be strengthened, and its cementing influence continued even when separated—it sweetens our better portions, and cheers the hours of trial, because it is the gift of Him whose favour is life, whose will is to do us good, and to whom we owe gratitude and faithfulness. The entreaty of the Apostle to the Ephesians has revived, attended with the feeling of its application to us at this day, viz :—" I beseech you that ye walk worthy the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness, with meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."—We are persuaded, that if an earnest individual concern to dwell in the disposition of mind thus recommended, was cherished, and dwelt under our diligence in the attendance of our religious Meetings, would not be interrupted by trivial causes, but an earnest desire would prevail to meet with our beloved friends, to feel after a qualification to worship Him who hath promised to be with those who assemble in His name—thus withdrawing from the cares of this life; our love to Him, and to each other, would be increased, our spiritual strength renewed, and ability given to dwell with the gift of grace according to our measure, and the whole body edified in love—the aged keeping their ranks in righteousness, would experience their *minds* mercifully girded with strength, while the outward tabernacle is hastening to decay.—How animating the example of these, to those who in the meridian of life are bearing the burthen and heat of the day : diligent in their respective allotments, doing whatever their hands find to do, and watchfully guarding against all that would have a tendency to hurt or destroy ; for the encouragement of this class in the family, many hearts have been raised in aspirations to the giver of every good and perfect gift.

THE very momentous subject of Education has been brought into view, with the belief that its weight and importance impressively call for the serious attention of Friends.—We speak not exclusively of literary instruction, but we would press upon all the necessity of attending to the culture of the heart, the right direction of the mind, the regulation of the thoughts, and the restraints which the truth requires of the religious parent, to exercise over the young and inexperienced, which often proves as an hedge, preserving them from the evils which surround; and the snares that are often spread, to entangle the feet of the unprotected and the unwary, we renewedly feel the necessity of this case in the present day, and we believe an unremitting attention hereto would indeed be productive of good fruits.

HAVING been favoured we humbly trust, from sitting to sitting, with the uniting influence of Heavenly love, we have craved that our spirits may be clothed with thankfulness for the favor ; and impressed with the solemn admonition to work while it is day, we desire that we may all be faithful, truly faithful to manifested duty.

Extracted from the Minutes of the New-England Yearly Meeting, held at NEWPORT, on Rhode-Island, by adjournments from the 15th to the 19th of the Sixth Month, 1835.

HANNAH GOULD, Jr. CLERK.

Met again (if permitted) in 1st mo next at New Bedford -

1835

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo 3d 1835

Representatives for Sandwich, Huldah Gifford, Mary Wing and Beulah Wing. Dartmouth, Hannah Smith, Mary H. Tucker and Phebe R. Gifford. Pembroke Sarah Weeks and Mary Shepherd. Nantucket Rachel Gardner, Phebe Coffin and Sarah Chase. Westport Ellen Hewett, Mary Macomber Jr and Mercy Gifford. New Bedford Mary Rowland, Desire Rowland, Sarah Russell and Grace Davis. Representatives present except two, and a satisfactory reason given for the absence of one.

The time having expired for which the assistant clerk was chosen Mary H. Tucker is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our several monthly meetings with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th Queries have been received and together with the Queries, read in this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore and Philadelphia yearly meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at this time.

This meeting unites with Dartmouth monthly meeting in the appointment of Phebe Tripp to the station of an Elder, having the concurrence of the men's meeting therein.

We also unite with New Bedford monthly meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Abraham Davis. And with Westport monthly meeting in the appointment of Barbara Gifford to the station of an Elder, men Friends concurring therewith, and Rhoda Rowland is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof.

Sarah Wood is under a similar appointment in the case of Phebe Tripp.

The company and religious services of our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing from Rhode Island monthly meeting, have been acceptable to us at this time, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute expressive thereof.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 5th mo next at New Bedford.

1836 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5mo 7th 1836. —

Representatives for Sandwich, Rebecca Wing, Huldah Gifford and Mary Wing — Pembroke, Hepsiba Brooks and Alice Rogers — Dartmouth Sarah Potter, Lucretia Tucker and Phebe Tripp. — Nantucket Ann Hussey, Sarah Barnard and Rebecca Coffin — Westport Barbara Gifford, Mercy Gifford and Rebecca Potter — New Bedford Susanna Congdon, Abigail Davis, Desire Howland and Merab Taber. — All present. —

The time having expired for which the clerk was chosen, Mary Taber is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Sarah Wood reports she has performed her appointment in the case of Phebe Tripp. —

Rhoda Howland reports she has attended to her appointment in the case of Barbara Gifford. —

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with answers to the Queries, have been received, and together with the Queries, read in this meeting, — a summary whereof, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary Howland, Huldah Gifford Alice Rogers, Barbara Gifford, Sarah Potter and Rhoda Howland. —

The committee appointed to visit Pembroke Monthly meeting ~~[illegible]~~ have produced the following report, viz. :

The committee appointed to visit Pembroke monthly Meeting inform, that since their report of 5mo 1834, nothing of importance has occurred to require their attention, and are united in believing that it will be best to release the committee from further service. — On behalf of the committee,

Francis Taber
Mary Cards. —

Which Report being satisfactory, is accepted by this meeting and the committee released from further service. —

The London general Epistle, with a transcript of an Epistle from Virginia Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, has been acceptably read at this time. —

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, if permitted, in 8mo next at Nantucket. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 8mo 7th 1836. —

Accounts received from the monthly meetings inform that their representatives are, for Sandwich, Judith Swift, Lydia Wood and Martha Bowman — Pembroke Maria Brown, Beulah W. Rogers Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Charlotte Lawrence and Phebe R. Gifford — Westport Mary Macomber, Barbara Gifford, and Mercy Gifford

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Nantucket. Eliza Coffin, Sarah [illegible] and Judith Coffin

1836 New Bedford, Mary [illegible], Mary Howland, [illegible] Rice and Sarah Allen;— who being called, are all present.—

The clerk being absent, Mary A. Tucker and Phebe R. Gifford are appointed to serve as clerks for the day.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as representatives, report they all attended.—

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon Met agreeable to adjournment, near the 4th hour.

Representatives being again called, are all present.—

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings, with answers to the first, second and tenth Queries have been received, and together with the Queries, read in this meeting.

We have received at this time a printed minute of advice, fraught with salutary and seasonable counsel, from our last Yearly Meeting, on the subject of reading and circulating publications unauthorised by our Society which has been acceptably read and fully united with.— Also Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes a transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London,— an interesting report from the Yearly Meeting Boarding School committee, and some printed minutes on the subject of Education,— all of which have been acceptably read.—

Our beloved friend Rachel Thornton has been with us at this time with a minute of concurrence from Creek Monthly Meeting, State of New York; her company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute expressive thereof.— The business of this meeting being closed under a renewed sense of Divine favour we conclude, to meet again, (if permitted,) in 10mo next at Sandwich.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 6th 1836

Representatives for Sandwich, Elizabeth Kelley— Anna Wing and Rhoda Bowman— Pembroke Alice Hoyes and Hepsiba Brooks— Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford— Sarah Potter and Phebe Tripp— Nantucket Mary Gardner, Phebe Coffin and Rachel Gardner New Bedford Roby Brownell, Rebecca Davis— Mary Saber, and Mercy Davis— Westport— Barbara Gifford Rebecca Potter and Peace Slade.— Present except two.—

The assistant clerk being absent Phebe R. Gifford is appointed for the day.—

1836 Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.—

We are informed from Pembroke Monthly Meeting that they have united with the Select Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Keene, which is also fully united with in this Meeting, having the concurrence of men Friends therein, — and Mary Taber is appointed to inform the Select Meeting hereof.—

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends in New York and Philadelphia, have been acceptably read at the present time.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, to meet again, (if permitted,) in 12th Mo next at New Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at New Bedford 12th mo 1st 1836.

Representatives for Sandwich, Rebecca Wing 2d, Rachel Aikin and Anna D. Wing — Pembroke, Sarah Keene and Alice Rogers — Dartmouth, Elizabeth Slade, Hannah Jordan and Rhoda Howland — Westport Mary Macomber, Martha Gifford and Peace Slade — New Bedford Abigail Davis, Phebe Swift, Sarah C. Allen and Sylvia Grinnell — Nantucket. Sarah Barnard, Rachel Baxter and Sarah Clasby. — All present except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.—

The time having expired for which the assistant Clerk was chosen, Mary A. Tucker is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year.—

Mary Taber informs that she has performed her appointment.—

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings, with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th Queries have been received, and together with the Queries read in this meeting.—

The London printed Epistle, fraught with counsel, caution and encouragement, has been acceptably read.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women Friends in Ohio and North Carolina, have been read, we trust to the strengthening of minds present.—

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted,) in 4mo next at New Bedford.—

185 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4mo 6th 1837.

Representatives for Sandwich Anna Wing, Rosa Kelley and Elizabeth Swift; Pembroke Alice Rogers & Sarah Keene — Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Phebe R. Gifford and Sarah C. Gifford — Westport — Martha Gifford, Peace Slade and Barbara Gifford — Nantucket Lydia Barker, Anna Mitchell and Sarah Stubbs — New Bedford — Elizabeth Jenny, Deborah Tallman, Mary Howland and Eunice Wood, — present except one —

The time having expired for which the Clerk was chosen, Mary Taber is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year. —

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries, have been received, and together with the Queries read in this meeting; a summary collected from the answers, with an account to the Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded thereto by our Representatives, Mary Howland, Sarah Keene, Alice Rogers, Phebe Tripp, Huldah Gifford, Sarah Barnard, Martha Gifford and Phebe R. Gifford —

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends in Baltimore and Virginia have been acceptably read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again, (if permitted,) in 7mo next at Nantucket —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket 7mo 6th 1837 —

Representatives for Sandwich — Anna C. Wing, Phebe Gifford and Rosa Kelley — Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Nancy S. Potter, and Hannah G. Allen — Pembroke — Mary Shepherd and Maria Brown — Westport Anna Macomber, Deborah C. Gifford and Mary E. Gifford 2d — Nantucket Eunice Swain, Elizabeth Barney and Mary Slade — New Bedford Sylvia Cornell, Susan Howland and Rebecca Thornton — All present. —

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform they attended, agreeable to appointment, with one exception —

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received and read. —

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have also been read.

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon —

P.M. Met agreeable to adjournment near the 4th hour —

Representatives being called, are present. —

183 The Queries with answers from the monthly Meetings to the 1st, 2nd and 10th have been read in this meeting. — also a report of the Boarding School committee, the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting on the interesting subject of Education, — and a copy of a minute from the Yearly Meeting advising against opening our meetinghouses to lecturers whose opinions and principles are at variance with those held by us as a Society —

A communication from the Yearly Meeting, addressed to our members, and other Christian communities, on the subject of Slavery, has also been satisfactorily read. —

Our beloved friends Huldah Hoag from Ferrisburgh mo: meeting, Vermont, — Anna M. Thorn, from Nine Partners mo: meeting, New York — Abigail R. Hoag, from Ferrisburgh mo: Meeting Vermont, — and Elizabeth Tripp, from Victor monthly Meeting New York have been with us at this time, furnished with minutes of concurrence from their several meetings; — their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us. —

Our beloved friend Phebe Howes, from Creek, monthly Meeting — companion of Anna M. Thorn, — has also been acceptably with us. — and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their certificates expressive thereof. —

Transcripts of Epistles from London and New York Yearly Meetings of women Friends have been acceptably read at the present time. —

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again, (if permitted,) in 10mo next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 10mo 5th 1837. —

Representatives for Sandwich. — Rosa Kelly, Lydia H. Wing and Judith Swift, — Pembroke Alice Rogers and Mary Shepherd — Dartmouth Phebe Anthony, Hannah Slade and Mary Gifford — Westport Barbara Gifford, Peace Slade and Ruth Potter — Nantucket, Rebecca Coffin Anna Mitchell and Eunice Swain — New Bedford Grace Davis, Anne Russell and Mary Taber. — All present. —

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received with Answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th Queries, which together with the Queries, have been read in this meeting. —

Transcripts of Epistles from Philadelphia and Ohio Yearly meetings of Women Friends have been acceptably read at the present time.

Our beloved friends Hannah Dennis from Rhode Island, and Anna A. Jenkins from Providence Monthly Meetings, have been with us at this time, — their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. —

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, to meet again, (if permitted) in 12mo next at New Bedford. —

1837- Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 7th of 12th month 1837.

Representatives for Sandwich are Hannah Holway, Huldah Gifford, and Rose Kelley, Pembroke Sarah Keene and Alice Rogers. Dartmouth Lucretia Tucker, Hannah Slade, and Ruth A. Potter. Westport, Barbara Gifford, Elizabeth Wilbur, and Mary Gifford. Nantucket, Sarah Barnard, Sarah Clasby and Mary Paddock. New Bedford, Mary Howland, Deborah Tallman and Grace Davis, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was aſsigned.

The clerk of this meeting being absent, Mary A Jenney is appointed clerk, and Phebe R. Gifford aſsistant for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rhoda Bowerman to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of men Friends therein and Mary Davis is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

We are informed from the Mens meeting that they have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barnabas Taber to the station of an Elder, also with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Peleg Mitchell to that station, with which this meeting unites.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader attended this meeting producing a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting, whose company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement expreſsive thereof.

An acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in Baltimore has been read at this time.

The busineſs of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 5th of 4th month 1838.

Representatives from Sandwich are Rosa Kelley Anna King and Mary King, Pembroke, Ede Little, and Beulah Rogers. Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Rachel Gifford, and Mary Davis, Westport Barbara Gifford, Eunice Gifford, Martha Gifford, and Innocent Howland. Nantucket Alice Barnard, Phebe Coffin, and Mary Stubbs, New Bedford, Hepsibah Howland, Merab Taber, Abigail Howland and Mary Taber who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the clerks were chosen Mary A. Tucker is appointed Clerk and Phebe R. Gifford, assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the queries have been received and together with the queries read in this meeting. A summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded thereto by our representatives Rachel Gardner, Rosa Kelley, Phebe Tripp, Mary Davis, Alice Rogers, Mary Taber, Barbara Gifford, Susanna Congdon, and Sylvia R. Wilbur.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the publick appearance in the ministry of Anna A. King having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein, Mary Taber is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

Our beloved Friend Ruth Davis in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern which had for some time impressed her mind, of attending the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York, also of attending the Monthly Meeting of Baltimore, and if way should open for it of visiting the families belonging thereto, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to proceed therein as truth may direct, being a minister in unity with us. Our beloved Friend Abigail Davis informed this meeting that she apprehended it would be right for her to accompany her sister Ruth Davis in the performance of her prospect as expressed in the above minute, which having been deliberately considered is united with, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect, being a minister in unity with us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in preparing endorsements on their certificates expressive hereof.

Mary Davis reports she has performed her appointment in the case of Rhoda Bowerman.

1838 Transcripts of epistles from Virginia and North Carolina Yearly Meetings of Women Friends have been acceptably read at the present time.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 7th month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket the 5th of 7th month 1838.

Representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Swift 3rd, Bethia Wood, and Judith Swift. Pembroke Sarah W. Rogers and Mary Shepherd; Dartmouth, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary Davis, and Lucretia Tucker; Westport, Ann Davis, Elizabeth Wilbur, and Rebecca Potter; Nantucket, Rachel Austin, Eliza Barker, and Elizabeth Barney; New Bedford, Hepzibah Howland, Sarah Anthony, Susan Howland and Ann H. Wing, who being called are all present except one; for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Mary Taber reports she has attended to her appointment in the case of Anna D. Wing.

Our friend Hannah Battey attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Starksboro Monthly Meeting, Vermont, endorsed by Ferrisburg Quarterly Meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute expressive thereof.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received and read.

Extracts from our last Yearly Meeting's minutes have been received and read at this time.

A satisfactory report from the Boarding School Committee has been read and is as follows, viz,

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 10*th to the* 15*th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month,* 1838.

THE following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and a Committee appointed to consider the several propositions therein contained.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have continued, during the past year, to give their attention to the various concerns of the Institution. Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held, and harmony has prevailed. During the past autumn the School was visited, in common with the neighborhood, with Scarlet Fever, which attacked a large number of the inmates of the Institution, and proved fatal in two instances. In consequence of this solemn dispensation, many of the scholars returned to their homes, and did not subsequently re-enter the School; though for the past few months the family and scholars have been favored with the enjoyment of usual good health. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-nine.

Our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun are employed as Superintendents; and Samuel Austin and James Chase as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Emeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'. George F. Read has charge of instruction in the Languages, and assists in keeping the Books; and Freelove Greene continues to act as a care-taker of the Girls, and to attend to the Sewing School. Moses B. Lockwood, who has recently left the Institution, has been employed as principal Teacher in the Boys' School during most of the past year.

The Committee have from time to time had under their consideration the propriety of dividing the year into two terms, with a vacation at the close of each term, instead of continuing under our present arrangement. Many advantages, it has appeared to them, would result from adopting this plan. It has, for several years, been a desirable object to enable the Teachers to introduce a better classification of the scholars in their various studies, than has been practicable under the existing system of admission at irregular intervals, and which they have believed would much facilitate their improvement. It has appeared to the Committee reasonable, that the health of the Teachers should be consulted, by affording them such relaxation from their employment as would result from the adoption of this arrangement. The consideration that the health of all the inmates of the Institution may be promoted by a more thorough cleansing of the house, twice in each year, than can be effected while its various apartments continue to be occupied, has also had much weight with them.

They are therefore united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that the year be divided into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, each term to be succeeded by a vacation of two weeks; the Summer term to commence on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the fifth month, and the Winter term on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the eleventh month; and that the last week of each term be occupied in an examination of the Schools, by Committees from time to time especially appointed to that service by the general School Committee.

Should this arrangement be approved by the Yearly Meeting, it will be expected that children shall enter the School at the commencement of each term; and consequently that the time of their continuance there, shall not, except under peculiar circumstances, and the approbatian of the Acting Committee being first had, include a part of a term.

While this arrangement would, in the view of the Committee, be of essential advantage to the School, they are induced to believe that, when once carried into operation, it would not materially affect the convenience of parents. By far the greater number of children from the more distant parts of the Yearly Meeting now enter the School for a term of six months; and very few from any quarter remain there for a longer time, without making a visit to their friends. In cases, however, where *great* inconvenience is likely to arise to parents or children from the adoption of this plan, should any such present, the Committee will endeavor to make arrangements for their accommodation.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $1345 28 cts., and that the present indebtedness of the Institution is $3813 37 cts. For more particular information of the expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account herewith presented. The pecuniary situation of the School will not, we think, warrant any reduction in the terms of admission from those concluded on last year; and we therefore propose that the price for members of Society, of our Yearly Meeting, be *thirty-three* dollars per term—for those who are not members of Society, who may be admitted, one or both of whose parents are members, *forty-five* dollars per term; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, *fifty* dollars per term, payable in advance. Books and stationary being furnished, as during the past year, at actual cost; with the understanding, that when scholars leave the School, the Books with which they have been supplied may be returned, by their paying for the use of them.

Seven scholars have received the benefit of the charitable fund, and by the terms of the Will of the principal donor, claims to the amount of $131 04 cts. have been provided for, leaving a balance unexpended of about $60—and supposing the income of this fund to continue the same, the ensuing year, the amount will be about $460, which will support fourteen scholars one term each; and it is proposed that such Monthly Meetings as have children who are proper objects of this charity should make immediate application to the Acting School Committee for their admission.

We have continued to appoint Committees to visit the Schools, and attend to the examination of the Scholars in their various studies, once in six months. From the Report of the Committee who visited the School in the third month last, made to us at this time, we think it may be satisfactory for us to make the following extract:—'The Committee to visit and examine the Schools report, that a number of them met at the time appointed, and proceeded to examine the Scholars in most or all the branches in which their attention had been engaged; and we feel free to acknowledge that we have cause to be thankful for the proficiency manifested by them in their various exercises, it being evident that they, as well as their Teachers, have been mindful of their duty, and that their attention had not been exclusively confined to improvement in literary and scientific studies, but that the more important pursuit of life, the attainment of piety and virtue, had not been overlooked. The deportment and general appearance of the Scholars were much to our satisfaction, and the harmony that manifestly prevails throughout the family is an evidence that the Institution is still under the care of Him who is able to preserve."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk*.

Boarding School, 5th mo. 4th, 1838.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee appointed to take into consideration the several propositions contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, produced the following Report, viz:

"*To the Yearly Meeting.*—The Committee to whom was referred the propositions contained in the Report of the School Committee, have had the same under consideration, and have concluded to recommend, that the Yearly Meeting adopt that in relation to dividing the year into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, with vacations of two weeks each between them, and recommend that Friends conform themselves thereto in sending their children to the School. It is, however, considered by this Committee to be desirable that a liberal construction should be given to the rule providing for admission for not less than six months, in favor of such as may wish to go for a shorter term, to complete the time they propose to spend at the School.

"And after some discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the terms of board, tuition, &c. proposed by the School Committee, be adopted.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE,

6th month 13th, 1838. ALICE CHASE.

Which being considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to append this Report to that of the Boarding School Committee, when transmitted to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It appearing by the Report of the School Committee, that the charitable fund will support fourteen scholars one term each, Monthly Meetings that have children who are suitable objects of this charity, are requested to make immediate application to the acting School Committee for their admission, in order that such children (as are admitted by said Committee) may be in readiness to enter the School at the commencement of the Winter term, [which in the present year will begin on the 29th of tenth month.]

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met near the 4th hour.

The representatives being called, are all present that attended the first sitting.

Answers to the first second and tenth queries have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings and together with the queries read in this meeting.

Our esteemed friend Mary Davis in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern which had for some time rested on her mind, of performing a religious visit to some of the meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting particularly those belonging to Purchase, Nine partners and Stanford Quarterly Meetings, and if way should open, to appoint some meetings on her way going and returning, as expressed in a certificate of concurrence from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is united with, and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct being a minister in unity with us, the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute.

An acceptable Transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Ohio has been read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, to meet again (if permitted) in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 4th of 10th month 1838.

Representatives for Sandwich are Content Russell, Ruth H. Baker, and Hannah Gifford, for Pembroke, [illegible] Otis, and Alice Rogers, for Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, [illegible] Gifford, and Lucretia Tucker, for Westport, Barbara Gifford, Eunice Gifford, and Innocent Howland, for Nantucket Rachel Gardner, Mary Macy, and Susan Mitchell, for New Bedford, Sarah Howland, Ann H. Wing, Merab Taber, and Phebe Swift, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

1838 The assistant clerk being absent Hepsa W. Swift is appointed to serve for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this meeting.

We have had the company of our friend Charles W. Coffin who produced a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting State of Maine, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. also the company of his companion Allen Pope with a minute of concurrence from Leeds Monthly Meeting state of Maine.

Our friends Ruth Davis and Abigail Davis having accomplished their religious visit within the limits of Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore Yearly Meetings as expressed in their certificates of 4th month last, have returned the same with acceptable endorsements from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Eastern and Western district, and from the Yearly Meeting of New York.

We have received the London printed Epistle of the present year, which has been read to our comfort and encouragement.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in London, Philadelphia and Virginia have also been read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 6th of the 12th month, 1838.

Representatives for Sandwich are Rosa Kelley, Anna Wing and Phebe Gifford, Pembroke Sarah Keene and Deborah W. Rogers, Dartmouth Thana Barker, Lucretia Tucker and Penelope Eddy, Westport Mercy Gifford Ruth Potter, and Rhoda Potter, Nantucket Eunice Swain, Lydia W. Coleman, New Bedford Mary Howland, Lydia Taber, and Ann C. Dunbar who being called are present except two, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Our friend Mary Davis having accomplished her religious visit, within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, as expressed in her certificate of 7th month last, has returned the same with acceptable endorsements from Purchase Quarterly meeting and Hector and Scipio Monthly Meetings.

We have at this time had the company of our friend Lindley M. Hoag, who produced a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting state of New Hampshire his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 4th of 4th month 1839.

Representatives for Sandwich are Rebecca Wing, Deborah Wing and Mary R. Wing, Pembroke Alice Rogers, and Sarah Keene, Dartmouth Sarah Wood, Ruth A. Potter, Lucretia Tucker and Elizabeth Slade. Westport Martha Gifford, Eunice [illegible] and Ruth Potter, Nantucket Phebe Coffin, Alice Mitchell, and Lydia Hussey 4th New Bedford Anna Russell, Roby Brownell, Abigail Davis, and Hannah T. Taber, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed to serve this meeting, Mary A. Tucker is reappointed clerk, and Phebe R. Gifford, assistant for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the queries have been recieved and together with the queries read in this meeting, a summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded thereto by our representatives Anna Macomber, Hannah Slade, Mary Taber, Sarah Stubbs, Mary A. Tucker, Alice Rogers, Mary Davis, Sarah Potter and Mary Wing.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Aikin to the station of an Elder.

1839 [illegible] [illegible] Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in North Carolina and Indiana have been read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket the 14th of 7th month 1839.

Representatives from Sandwich are Huldah Gifford, Anna Swift and Charity Wing. Pembroke Maria Brown and Mary Shepherd. Dartmouth Ruth A Potter, Sidney Potter, Mary R Gifford, and Mary Davis. Westport Martha Gifford, Deborah Gifford, and Innocent Howland. Nantucket Ann Russell, Eliza Coffin, and Eliza H. Mitchell. New Bedford, Mary Howland, Mary Card, and Susan Howland who being called are all present.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as representatives, report they all attended except one who was prevented by indisposition.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Robson attended this meeting; producing a certificate from Hardshaw West monthly meeting held at Liverpool the 20th of [illegible] month 1838 and one from the meeting of ministers and elders held in London the 8th of 10th month 1838, all expressive of their unity and sympathy with her in her prospect. her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us. Also our friend Thomas Robson with a certificate of concurrence from Hardshaw West Monthly Meeting held at Liverpool the 27th of 12th month 1838, his company has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Elizabeth Coggeshall and [illegible] [illegible] attended this meeting producing minutes of concurrence from New York Monthly Meeting, their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met agreeable to adjournment near the 4th hour.

Representatives being called are all present.

Accounts from our respective monthly meetings with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries have been received; which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 16*th to the* 21*st, inclusive, of the Sixth Month,* 1839.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Circular of the Committee, issued in 1835, thereto appended.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Committee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate the mercy that has been extended to us, through which the various inmates of the Institution have been preserved in good health, and the School, we have cause to believe, has continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony we believe prevails. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust, we have engaged our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity, who have entered upon the discharge of their duties; and Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and George F. [illegible] are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that its present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account herewith presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School, we have not thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year—which are $33 per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those scholars who are not members, where one or both parents are members, and $50 for the members of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance. Ten Dollars per *term*, additional charge, is made for instruction in the Languages. We have concluded to propose that stationery and books be furnished the children, for their use in the School, free of expense, except such as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the Languages, and that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

The income of the charitable fund will about support *ten* scholars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings that may desire to occupy the privilege are requested to make application to the Acting School Committee in season for their admission at the commencement of the winter term, which this year will be on the fourth day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has, we think, proved salutary in practice, and the examination at the close of each term has been interesting and useful; but in order that it may not be interrupted during its progress, we desire that no child may be withdrawn from the School until it is completed, which it is intended shall take place on fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children will be ready to leave on sixth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, among the inmates of the Institution, has continued to claim our very serious attention, and we have laboured for the maintenance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects. We have believed that usefulness might result from again forwarding the accompanying Circular, issued in 1835, to the several meetings of Friends; and the various Committees of the Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the School, as well as parents and guardians, are earnestly requested to exercise a care that the provisions therein contained are faithfully observed.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School, that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School House in Providence on third day preceding the first fifth day in every month.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 3d of 5th month, 1839.

[The next Summer term will commence on Second-day, 5th mo. 4th, 1840.]

AT a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held 8th mo. 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicity than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimony in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, " Let your moderation be known unto all men." And " let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School; and it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females, we expect a correspondent degree of plainness. and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply sticrtly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting, addressed to its Subordinate meetings, fraught with much counsel and advice, has been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland feelingly opened in this meeting, a concern which hath weightily impressed her mind for a considerable time, to pay a religious visit to the meetings constituting Ohio Yearly Meeting, to appoint some meetings among those who are not members of our Society, and if way should open for it, to attend some meetings within the limits of Farmington Quarterly Meeting, as expressed in her certificate of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is fully united with, and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, being a minister in unity with us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute.

The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting, in signing endorsements on the certificates of our friends who are with us from neighboring Yearly Meetings.

A satisfactory report from our Boarding School committee has been received and read and is as follows viz.

The business of this meeting being closed; we conclude to meet again if permitted in the 10th month next at [illegible].

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 3rd of 10th mo 1839.

Representatives for Sandwich are Judith Swift, Content Russell, and Lydia Wood, for Pembroke Beulah Rogers, and Mary Shepherd, for Dartmouth Sarah Potter, Mary [illegible] Charlotte Lawrence, and Hannah [illegible] for [illegible] Susanna [illegible] Mary Macomber 1st and Eunice [illegible], for Nantucket Sarah Coffin, Christina [illegible] and Anna [illegible] for New Bedford Hannah Tripp, Deborah [illegible] and Hannah Howland, who being called are present except one, for whom a satisfactory reason was given. The clerk being absent Mary [illegible] is appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received, which, together with the queries have been read in this meeting. Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in London, [illegible] and Ohio have been read to our satisfaction.

1839. This meeting unites with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Prince Gardner to the station of an Elder.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 5th of 12th month 1839.

Representatives for Sandwich are Deborah Wing, Priscilla Gifford, and Anna D. Wing; for Pembroke Sarah [illegible] and Edy R. Little for Dartmouth, Mary [illegible], Phebe R. Gifford, and Maria Parker, for Westport Barbara Gifford, Hannah Kirby, and Mercy Gifford, for Nantucket Sarah Barnard, Sarah Clasby and Mary Macy, for New Bedford, Lurania Wood, Ruth Howland, Elizabeth Swift and Desire Howland. who being called are all present.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received, which, together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in New York, Baltimore and North Carolina, have been read.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Lemuel Giffords.

Our beloved Friend John Wilbur attended this meeting, furnished with a copy of a minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting held at Hopkinton the 25th of 11th mo 1839, its company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th mo next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 2nd of 4th mo 1840.

Representatives for Sandwich are Rosa Kelly [illegible] Cunningham and [illegible] Wing for Pembroke, Beulah W. [illegible] [illegible] Wing, for [illegible]mouth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Barbara Gifford, and Ruth Potter; Nantucket Alice Mitchell, [illegible] in, and Margaret Swain, for New Bedford, Hannah Leonard, Mary Taber, Abigail Davis, and Roby Brownell, who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the clerk and assistant were appointed, Mary A. Tucker is reappointed clerk and Phebe R. Gifford, assistant for the ensuing year.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the queries, have been recieved, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting, and a summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded thereto by our representatives [illegible] Phebe R. Gifford, Edy R. Lillie, Phebe Coffin Rosa Kelley, Rachel Gardner, Mary Howland, Anna Macomber Susan Howland, and Anna D. Wing.

Our beloved friend Charles Os[illegible] [illegible] this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Springfield Monthly Meeting held in Wayne County, state of Indiana, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Anna D. Wing opened in this meeting a religious concern that has for a considerable time accompanied her mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York, the Purchase and Stamford Quarterly Meetings, also of visiting some other meetings within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting, as expressed in her certificate of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting is united with, and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way, she being a minister in unity with us.

Our esteemed friend Huldah Gifford opened in this meeting a concern which has for some time rested on her mind [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as expressed in her certificate of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which claiming the consideration of

1840 this meeting is united with, and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect, as truth may open the way, she being a minister in unity with us, and the women's directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing endorsements on their certificates for sisters here.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 9th mo next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket the 2nd of 7th month 1840.

Representatives for Sandwich are Judith Swift, Ruth H. Baker, and Lydia H. Wing; for Pembroke, Mary Rogers and Beulah W. Rogers; for Dartmouth, Sarah Tucker, Charlotte Laurence, and Hannah Slade; for Westport, Mary Macomber, and Hannah Kirby; for Nantucket, Ruth Swain, [illegible] Folger, and Judith Barker; for New Bedford, Susan Howland, Deborah Howland, and Mary Taber who being called are all present.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting, in their appointment report they attended agreeable to appointment, except two who were prevented by indisposition in their families.

Acceptable Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read at the present opportunity.

The Quarterly report of the Boarding School committee has also been read, and is as follows, viz.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 14th to the 19th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1840.

THE Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School, under the care of this Meeting, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year to attend to the service to which they were appointed by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of Scholars, for the year, has been eighty-six; for the past term, one hundred and eighteen. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to serve acceptably as Superintendents. Samuel Austin and Pliny Chase are employed as Teachers in the male department, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth Osborne, in the female School. Jonathan L. Slocum has been engaged in the Institution as a Teacher during the past year, and Charles F. Coffin, jun. and Sarah J. Brown as assistant Teachers during the last term. George F. Read continues to give instruction in the Languages, and to have charge of the accounts.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $3,444 51, by which we are enabled to liquidate the debt of the Institution reported last year, and leave in the Treasury a balance of $1,136 84. We do not think it expedient, however, to propose to the Yearly Meeting any considerable reduction in the terms of the admission of scholars, as the situation of the house and premises is such that a pretty large expenditure will soon be required for repairs and improvements. For details of the receipts and expenses we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.

Ten scholars have enjoyed the privilege of the charitable fund the last term, and the same number may be received for the next winter term; and monthly meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege, by the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee, on the 29th of 9th month next.

We would propose that the price per term, for admission of members of this Yearly Meeting, be $30, commencing with the ensuing winter term: for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, (should any such by direction of the Yearly Meeting be received) be continued at $45; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, $50; and that $10 per term additional charge should still be made for instruction in the Languages. Stationary and books, (except such as are required for the study of the higher branches of Mathematics and the Languages) we would propose, should continue to be furnished at the expense of the Institution.

In the discharge of the duties that have devolved upon us in the direction of the concerns of the School, we have been desirous to keep steadily in view the original design of Friends in its establishment, viz. "the imparting to the youth of our Society a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world." While situated in this Institution we feel that parents have a right to expect that their children will be in good degree preserved from the hurtful things that abound in the world; that their tender minds will not receive impressions calculated to lessen their attachment either to the principles of our religious Society, or to the testimonies founded upon them. The press at the present day teems with publications, many of which are such as concerned parents would be unwilling should be placed within the reach of their children; and to maintain our Christian discipline, by restraining, so far as we are able, "from the reading of pernicious books," has appeared to us to be an important duty to be exercised by the Committee, and which we believe has rested with weight upon those who have been under this appointment, since the first establishment of the School. The time for which most of the pupils are placed in the Institution being limited, and necessarily mostly occupied in pursuing their regular studies, much opportunity is not afforded for general reading; and as the School is furnished with a valuable Library, consisting of not less than fourteen hundred volumes of well selected books, received principally from the bequests of our late beloved friends Moses and Obadiah Brown, to which the children have free access, we thought it proper in the 11th month last, after carefully considering what books and publications it was best to use and receive in the School, to adopt the following regulation, viz. "Believing that the Library of this Institution, together with the books and periodicals that have already been approved by this Committee, will afford the means for as great a variety of reading as the time and best interests of the scholars will require, it is our judgment that it is not expedient to extend the number at the present time; but that any books or publications brought by the scholars, or sent to them, be laid aside and preserved for them until they leave the School; or, if deemed best by the Superintendents, forwarded to their parents or guardians." While by adhering to this rule, we are aware that many writings are excluded with which we have no controversy, yet with the exercise of a sufficient liberality on the part of the Committee in the admission of those that will be likely to be productive of usefulness, we apprehend its adoption will not be deemed oppressive; but we trust it will prove a relief and satisfaction to many parents in different sections of the Yearly Meeting, who wish to place their children in the School.

During the past year, with the exception of the latter part of the last term, when the measles prevailed extensively but mildly in the house, the various inmates of the family have been favored with the enjoyment of nearly uninterrupted good health; which mercy, among the many we have received, calls for gratitude to Him from whom cometh all our blessings.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th mo. 8th, 1840.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 11th mo. 2d. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 5th mo. 3d, 1841.]

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.
Met agreeable to adjournment near the 4th hour.

The representatives being again called are all present.

Our friend John [illegible] attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Eastern and Western district, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our friend Richard Mott attended this meeting furnished with a minute of concurrence from Purchase Monthly Meeting, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries, have been received, and together with the queries read in this meeting.

The business of this meeting being ended, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) the 1st month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 1st of 10th month 1840.

Representatives for Sandwich are Anna Wing, Huldah Gifford and Rhoda Wing, for Pembroke [illegible] and Sarah Lowe, for Dartmouth Phebe R. Smith, [illegible] Gifford, Ruth [illegible], and Sylvia [illegible] Wilbur, for [illegible] Barbara Gifford, Deborah C. Gifford, and Mary Macomber, for Nantucket Sarah Clasby, Sarah Stubbs, and Mary Macy, for New Bedford Ann H. Wing, [illegible], Rhoda Howland jun, Hannah Tripp, and Susan Howland who being called are all present.

The clerk of this meeting being absent, Phebe R. Smith appointed Clerk, and Sarah Stubbs assistant for the day.

Our beloved friend John Meader attended this meeting furnished with a minute of concurrence from [illegible] Monthly Meeting dated the 23rd of last month, which with his company and gospel labours are truly acceptable to us.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries have been received and together with the queries read in this meeting.

Our friends Anna D. Wing and Huldah Gifford having accomplished their religious visit to the Yearly Meeting of New York [illegible] [illegible] Quarterly Meetings also some other meetings [illegible]

1840 of New York Yearly Meeting as expreſsed in their certificates of 4th month last, have returned the same with suitable indorsements from the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New York, also from Purchase Quarterly Meeting and Hudson Monthly Meeting, and inform their visit has been accomplished to the satisfaction of their own minds.

A printed Epistle from the Yearly meeting of Friends held in London, fraught with much good counsel has been acceptably read at this time.

The busineſs of this meeting being closed, we conclude, proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 3rd of 12th month 1840.

Representatives for Sandwich are Rosa Kelley, Mary Wing, and Elizabeth Dillingham; for Pembroke [illegible] P. Tillie and Ruth Ellis; for Dartmouth, Phebe [illegible], Joanna A. Tucker, and Sarah Potter; for Westport, Eliza E. Gifford, Rhoda Potter and Anna Macomber. for Nantucket, Susan Mitchell and Lydia H. Hussey. for New Bedford, Mary Taber, Grace Davis, Ann H. Dunbar, and Roby Brownell, who being called are present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The Clerk being absent, Mary Taber is appointed to that service for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th queries have been received, and together with the queries read in this meeting.

Our beloved Friends Anna A. Jenkins from Providence and Elizabeth Peckham from Southkingston have been with us at this time, producing minutes of concurrence from their respective Monthly Meetings, their company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign indorsements on their minutes conformable to the above.

Our beloved Friend Susan Howland returned at this time a copy of a minute granted her in 6th mo 1839, together with endorsements from Hector and Scipio Monthly Meetings expreſsive of her company and religious services

841. having been acceptable to them.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th mo. next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 1st of 4th month 1841.

Representatives for Sandwich are Charity Atkins, Deborah Wing and Ruth H. Baker, for Pembroke, Sarah Keene, and Maria Brown, for Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, Hannah Slade, Mary A. Tucker, and Mary [illegible], for Westport, Deborah C. Gifford, Ruth Potter, and Eunice Gifford, for Nantucket Sarah Barnard, Rachel Barnard, and Lydia M. Coleman, for New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] Abigail Davis, Sarah Russell and Betsey [illegible], who being called are all present except Sarah Russell who was prevented from attending by sickness in her family.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed to serve this meeting, Mary A. Tucker is reappointed clerk for the year ensuing, and Sarah H. Anthony assistant clerk for the day.

Accounts have been received from our several Monthly Meetings, with answers to the queries, which together with the queries, have been read in this meeting, and a summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our representatives Susan Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Edy Little, Mary Davis, Abigail Davis, Rachel Gardner, Susanna [illegible], Beulah W. Rogers, Mary Gifford, Barbara Gifford, and Anna D. Wing.

Our ancient friend Thomas Anthony attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, which together with his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

A lively memorial from Sandwich Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved friend Browning Swift deceased, has been read at the present opportunity.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Nantucket.

1841. Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket the 1st of 7th month 1841.

Representatives for Sandwich are Elizabeth Wing, Huldah Gifford, and Hannah Gifford, for Pembroke, Susan H. Rogers, and Susan Allen, for Dartmouth Virtue R. Potter, Phebe R. Gifford, & Hannah Slade, for Westport Lydia C. Earle, Ann D. Allen & Sarah [illegible] Nantucket Christina Gale, Sarah Chase, & Deborah Macy, New Bedford, Susan Howland, Mary Howland, Ruth Davis, Sarah H. Anthony, & Lurania Wood, who are all present except one who was prevented by indisposition in her family.

The time having expired for which the assistance was appointed to serve this meeting, Phebe R. Gifford is appointed to that service for the year ensuing.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly meeting as representatives, report they all attended.

This meeting adjourns to the 3rd hour this afternoon. Afternoon met agreeable to adjournment near the 3rd hour. Representatives being called are present that attended the first sitting.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, with answers to the queries usually considered, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Phebe C. Haines attended this meeting, furnished with a minute of concurrence from Redstone Monthly Meeting Fayette County Pennsylvania her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute.

Our beloved friends Joseph Bowne from Butternuts Monthly Meeting state of New York, Richard H. Thomas from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, and Thomas Jones from Durham Monthly Meeting State of Maine, attended this meeting, furnished with minutes of concurrence from their several meetings, their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

A Communication from the Yearly Meeting Boarding School Committee has been received and read at this time, and is as follows, viz.

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 13th to the 17th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1841.

The Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School was produced and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings; and Friends were desired to give their attention to the suggestions of the Committee in regard to the admission of scholars. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year, to attend to the important trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of scholars in the Institution has been eighty-five. Meetings for religious worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony, we believe, has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to occupy the place of Superintendents, acceptably to us. Samuel Austin and Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Rebecca Chipman in the Girls'. George F. Read continues to have charge of the Books, and to instruct in the Languages. Pliny E. Chase has been employed as a Teacher during the past year, and Charles H. Nichols, Elizabeth H. Osborne and Lydia Earle, each, one term.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by $1066, 31 cents, and that there is now a balance in the Treasury of $2203, 15 cents. Twenty-two hundred and twenty dollars and 17 cents have been expended in various repairs on the buildings and furniture for the house; and as many additional repairs and improvements are required about the house and farm, we do not consider it expedient to propose any change in the price of admission from that of last year, viz. $30 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45, for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members; and $50 for members of our Society, of other Yearly Meetings; Books and Stationary to continue to be furnished, as at present. We herewith forward a copy of the Superintendent's account, for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

While the Committee believe that manifest advantage has resulted from the division of the year into *terms*, they are sensible it has not been so fully realized as is desirable, from the circumstance that many scholars have entered for a less time than one term, and at different periods in it. While we are aware there may be cases in which parents may desire to place their children in the School for only three months, and we would not wish to deny this privilege when circumstances seem to forbid their remaining through a whole term, yet we hope these applications will not be frequent; and we believe the good of all requires that in future, in such cases, the scholars shall enter either at the commencement or the middle of the term.

Inconvenience has sometimes arisen from a neglect of the observance of the regulation adopted by the Yearly Meeting at the establishment of the School, that for all males over fourteen years of age, the consent of the Sub-Committee to their entrance must be obtained previously to their coming to the School, and for the future we would propose that this Rule should be strictly adhered to. It will be remembered that the Sub-Committee meets at the Institution on third day before the first fifth day in every month.

Ten scholars have enjoyed the benefit of the charitable fund during the past term; and the same number may receive the privilege the ensuing winter session; and Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their applications at or before the time of the meeting of the Sub-Committee on the fifth of the tenth month.

An examination of the School has taken place at the close of each term, in the presence of special Committees appointed for that purpose, and their reports of the proficiency of the pupils and the general condition of the School, have been satisfactory to us. In the one presented at this time, after referring to the satisfaction derived from the visit, the Committee proceed to state, that "the correctness of the recitations of the children, and the readiness and knowledge manifested in the various studies to which they have given their attention, evinced a commendable degree of industry and application on the part of the scholars, and of care and diligence on that of the Teachers; and the general appearance of the schools and the orderly department of the pupils while we were with them, received our approbation." We can but regret that the number of scholars is not larger than it has been for the past few years, believing as we do, that an opportunity is afforded in this Institution to obtain a useful education, in good measure guarded from the contaminating influences of the world; and we would desire that Friends might be encouraged to avail themselves of its benefits.

In conclusion we may state that the family and scholars have been favored with almost uninterrupted good health during the past year; which, with the many other mercies graciously extended to us by Him who condescends still to care for us, calls for the tribute of grateful hearts.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th mo. 7th, 1841.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 11th mo. 1st. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 5th mo. 2d, 1842.]

The Meeting for Sufferings having published an edition of Memorials of deceased Friends of this Yearly Meeting, it was recommended to subordinate Meetings to enter into subscriptions therefor, (at twenty-five cents each,) and the Clerks of Monthly Meetings were requested to forward to the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings, an account of the number of copies called for in each Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. *Clerk.*

1841. The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich the 7th of 10th mo 1841.

Representatives for Sandwich are Mary Wing, Martha Bowman and Ruth W. Baker; for Pembroke [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] R. Allen; for Dartmouth [illegible] [illegible] Anna Howland, and Mary Gifford; for Westport, Anna Macomber, and Ruth Potter; for Nantucket, Susan Mitchell, Rachel Swain, and Mary Stubbs; for New Bedford, Ruth Davis, Deborah Tallman, Rebecca Thornton, and Ann H. Wing, who being called are present except four, and satisfactory reasons assigned for their absence.

The Clerk being absent, Phebe A. Gifford is appointed Clerk, and Beulah W. Rogers assistant for the day.

Accounts have been received from the respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Our esteemed friend Anna A. Jenkins attended this meeting, with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting dated 9th month last, whose company and religious service have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute expressive hereof.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner, opened in this meeting a religious concern, which had a length of time rested in her mind, to attend the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina; including some of the meetings constituting the latter Yearly Meeting and to attend some meetings on the way, going and returning, as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which, claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is feelingly united with, and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may open the way being a minister in unity with us, the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in preparing an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

1841 Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 2nd of 12th month 1841.

Representatives for Sandwich are Hepzibah W. Swift, Hannah Gifford, Alice Bowers, and Elizabeth Dillingham; for Pembroke, Sarah Keene and Edy R. Little; for Dartmouth, Lucretia Tucker, Sarah Potter, and Rhoda Howland; for Westport, Mercy Gifford, Eunice Gifford, and Martha Gifford; for Nantucket, Mary Paddock, Sarah Barnard, and Lydia Hussey; for New Bedford, Deborah Tallman, Mary [illegible] Rebecca Thornton, Ann H. Wing and [illegible] who being called are present except three for whom reasons were assigned for their absence.

The Clerk being absent Phebe R. Gifford is appointed Clerk and Sarah S. Paddock assistant for the day. Accounts have been received from the respective Monthly Meetings in answer to the first second and tenth queries, which together with the [illegible] have been read in this meeting.

The London printed Epistle for the present year has been read at this time, to our comfort and edification, also an acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in New York.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned at this time a copy of a minute granted her in 10th month last, together with endorsements from Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings and from [illegible] Quarterly Meeting, Guilford County, and [illegible] Monthly Meeting, all expressive of her company and religious services among them being [illegible] acceptable.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in [illegible] month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 7th of 4th month 1842.

Representatives for Sandwich are Rosa Hilley, Elizabeth Wing and Hepsibah W. Swift, for Pembroke Mary Shepherd, and Beulah W. Rogers, for Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah Potter and Mary Gifford, for Westport Barbara Wing, Eunice Wood, and Hannah Howland, for Nantucket Eunice Swain, Mary Mitchell, and Phebe Coffin, for New Bedford Desire Howland, Mary Howland, Abigail Davis, Abby Swift, and Susan Howland; who being called are all present except one, and satisfactory reasons given for their absence.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were chosen, Phebe R. Gifford is appointed Clerk, and Hepsibah W. Swift, assistant for the day.

Accounts have been recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the queries, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting, and a summary collected from the answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded thereto, by our representatives Mary Davis, Beulah W. Rogers, Sarah Barnard, Sarah S. Paddock, Phebe R. Gifford, Hannah Slade, and Rebecca Thornton. The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, to meet again, if permitted in seventh month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket the 7th of 7th month 1842.

Representatives for Sandwich are Mary Wing, Hepsibah W. Swift, and Rhoda Wing, for Pembroke, Mary Shepherd and Ruth Ellis, for Dartmouth, Phebe R. Gifford, Nancy S. Potter, Mary Gifford, and Virtue R. Potter, for Westport Barbara Gifford, Hannah Macomber, and Hope Macomber, for Nantucket Lydia Barker, Mary S. Mitchell and Mary Mitchell, for New Bedford, Susan Howland, Betsy P. Swift, Hannah Bradford, and Mary Howland, who being called are all present except one, and a reason given for her absence.

It being proposed by the representatives that Phebe R. Gifford should serve this meeting as Clerk, and Hepsibah W. Swift assistant, the meeting uniting therewith they are continued accordingly for the year ensuing.

Mary Davis informed this meeting on behalf of the representatives that they all attended the Yearly Meeting agreeably to appointment.

1847 [illegible] Report from the [illegible] [illegible] Standing
[illegible] Committee, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] read at this time
[illegible] is as follows: [illegible]

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,
From the 12th to the 16th, inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1842.

The Annual Report of the Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School under the care of this Meeting, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to superintend the various concerns of the Boarding School, again report, That they have endeavored during the past year to discharge the important duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting. The average number of scholars during the year, has been seventy-seven, and during the last term, one hundred. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony has been preserved.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue acceptably to occupy the station of Superintendents. Samuel Austin and Joseph W. Aldrich are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich, Elizabeth H. Pope and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'. In this arrangement provision is made for Emmeline Aldrich to be absent during most of the present term. George F. Read continues to act as book-keeper and teacher of Languages. Charles F. Coffin, jun. Rebecca Chipman and Annabella King have each been employed one term during the past year.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded the expenditures by about 1,600 dollars. Some improvements have been made on the premises and buildings, and others are now in progress, and as much remains to be done which we deem important for the interests of the Institution, we have not thought it best at this time to propose any change in the prices of admission from those of last year, viz: $30 per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $45 for those who are not members of Society, one or both of whose parents are members, and $50 for members of other Yearly Meetings.—Books and Stationary to continue to be furnished as at present. We herewith forward a copy of the Superintendent's account for the information of the Yearly Meeting.

The charitable fund will support, for the present year, fourteen scholars, one term each, (there having been received since our last report, a balance of income heretofore due this fund,) and Monthly Meetings are requested to forward their applications for this privilege in season for the meeting of the Sub-Committee at Providence, the 4th of 10th month next.

Our late friend Moses Brown having in his will bequeathed to this Institution 5000 dollars, to be appropriated in whole or in part to the purchase of real estate adjoining the School premises, the Committee have in conformity therewith purchased two tracts of land, of about ten acres each, at a cost of about the sum above named; a part of which has been paid out of the income of the common fund, the special bequest not being available for this purpose, at the present time.

An examination of the scholars in the presence of a Committee of our number has taken place at the close of each term, and the evidence we have received of the fidelity of the Teachers and the general diligence and orderly deportment of the Scholars has been satisfactory and encouraging to us—and we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge that He, from whom proceedeth all our blessings, has been pleased to regard this Institution, and to own the concern of Friends in its establishment and continued progress.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th month 6th, 1842.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 10th mo. 31. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 5th mo. 1st, 1843.]

An acceptable Epistle of advice from our Yearly Meeting addressed to the members thereof has been recieved and read to the satisfaction of many minds. This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon. — Afternoon, met agreable to adjournment.

Representatives being called are present that attended the first sitting. Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries have been recieved, and together with the queries read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Anna Thornburg attended this meeting as a minister with a minute of concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting, Henry County Indiana, her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us. The company of her companion Dinah Gardner with a minute of concurrence from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting has also been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Sybil Jones and her companion [illegible] Jones attended this meeting producing minutes of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting, State of Maine, their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on each of their certificates conformable to the above minutes.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in tenth month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Sandwich 6th of 10th month 1842.

Representatives for Sandwich are Mary Wing, Judith Swift and Ruth H. Baker, Yarmouth Mary Shepherd and Maria Brown, Dartmouth Sylvia R. Wilbur, Sarah Potter and Hannah Slade, Westport — Barbara Gifford, Innocent Howland and Eunice Gifford, Nantucket Lydia Barker, Christina [illegible] and Lydia Swain, New Bedford Ann H. Wing, Ruth Swift, Mary Tabor and Hannah Tripp, who being called are all present except one and a satisfactory reason offered for her absence.

The Assistant Clerk being absent Sarah S Paddock is appointed for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings, with Answers to the first, second and queries have been recieved and together with the queries read in this meeting.

Our esteemed friend, Anna Thates atten=ded this Meeting producing a minute of concurrence from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting, her company and religious ser=vices amongst us have been acceptable.

The company of her companion Lydia Gardner with a minute of concurrence from Nantucket Monthly Meeting has also been acceptable.

Our Esteemed friend Huldah B Hoag attended this Meeting furnished with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting state of New Hampshire — her com=pany and gospel labours have been, accept=able to us — The Clerk is, directed to sign en=dorsements on, each of the Certificates of our friends conformable to the above minutes.

Transcripts of lively & acceptable Epis=tles from the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and Ohio have been recieved & read at this time. The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude — purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th mo: next at N. Bedford

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 1st of 12th mo: 1842.

Representatives for Sandwich are Anna Wing, Esther Dillingham and Mary Wing, for Pembroke Sarah Keen & Beulah W Rogers for Dartmouth Mary A Tucker, Rachel Gifford & Elizabeth Slade for Westport Mercy Gifford, Mary Macomber and Innocent Howland for Nantucket Sarah Barnard, Mary S Mitchell & Mary Barnard for New Bedford Hannah Leonard, Sarah Rufsel, Grace Davis and Betsy P Wood, who being called are all present.

Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings, with answers to the first, second and tenth queries, which together with the queries have been read in this Meeting

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Meader attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly meeting, her company and religious services have been acceptable to us — the clk. is directed to sign an endorsement on her Certificate expressive thereof. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in fourth month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford the 6th of 4th Mo 1843.

Representatives for Sandwich are Mary Wing, Rose Rich and Hepsibah W. Swift. Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth, Sylvia R. Wilbour, Nancy S. Potter, Mary A Tucker and Mary Gifford. Westport; Rhoda Potter, Mary Macomber and Joanna Baker. Nantucket; Lydia Swain, Sarah Barnard and Mary Barnard, New Bedford Desire Howland, Ann H. Wing, Ruth Davis and Mary Taber who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is given.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received; which together with the Queries and Answers have been read, and a summary collected from the Answers; with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our Representatives, Mary Taber, Mary Howland, Rose Rich, Beulah W Rogers, Anna D Wing, Sarah S Paddock, Ruth Davis, Mary Davis and Elisabeth Mitchell.

A Transcript of an acceptable Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of the Meeting being closed, we conclude purposing to meet again in 7th Mo next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly of Women Friends held on Nantucket the 6th of 7th Mo 1843—

Representatives for Sandwich are Judith Swift, Esther Dillingham and Mercy H. Wing. Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth Mary

Davis, Anna E. Almy and Hannah S. Allen. Westport Sarah W. Baker. Innocent Howland and Lydia C. Earle. Nantucket Alice Mitchell, Alice Barnard, and Christina Gale. New Bedford Susan Howland, Sarah H. Anthony, Betsey P. Wood, and Susan Taber who being called are all present except one and a reason assigned for her absence.

The time having expired for which the Clk and assistant were appointed Phebe R. Gifford and Hepsibah W. Swift were reappointed for the year ensuing.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as Representatives inform they all attended agreeably to appointment. This Meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this P.M. —

Met agreeable to adjournment near the 4th hour. Representatives present that attended the first sitting.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries have been received and together with the queries read in this Meeting.

A satisfactory report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and is as follows —

EXTRACT

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 11th to the 17th, inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1843.

THE Annual Report of the Committee of this Meeting having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, was produced and read; and the Committee were encouraged to persevere in their efforts for the right education of the children and youth of the Society, under a persuasion that a blessing will attend their faithful labours herein; and the Report being satisfactory to Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured, during the past year, to discharge the duties confided to them in superintending the various concerns of the Institution. The average number of scholars during the year, has been eighty, and during the winter term, one hundred and nine. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the time of the vacations, and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing continue to fill acceptably the station of Superintendents. Jonathan L. Slocum and Samuel Austin are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'. Charles F. Coffin, jun. is engaged to take charge of the accounts, and to have the care of the Boys out of school hours. George F. Read, Joseph W. Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Pope have severally been employed as Teachers during the past year.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been settled, by which it appears that the receipts of the School during the past year, have been $\$11,280\frac{48}{100}$; its expenditures $\$12,305\frac{51}{100}$, a part of which was derived from the funds on hand at the close of the last year. This amount includes the sum of $\$3,116\frac{57}{100}$, that has been appropriated to repairs and improvements; especially in erecting a building for a wash-house, and in making a substantial wall around a part of the Farm. For details we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith presented.

We would propose that the price for board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz. $\$30$ per term for members of this Yearly Meeting; $\$45$, for children who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members of society, and $\$50$ for those of other Yearly Meetings. Books and Stationary being furnished, as at present. Arrangements are made for giving instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages, to the Boys, and in the French, to the Girls, when their parents desire it, for which we propose, that the additional sum of $\$5$ per term, should be paid.

The income of the Charitable Fund for the next year, it is estimated, will support twelve scholars, one term each, and Monthly Meetings are particularly desired to forward their applications in season for the meeting of the sub-committee, at the School, 3d of

10th month next. As this is the last meeting of the Committee previous to the commencement of the winter term, it is necessary that applications should be seasonably forwarded in order to avoid disappointment.

The original design of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of the Boarding School being to provide for the religious, guarded education of the youth of our Society, it has ever been a prominent concern with the Committee to promote this truly desirable end; and they are encouraged and comforted in believing that there are many, in different parts of this Yearly Meeting, who have found in this Institution the means of obtaining a useful education, in good degree free from the contaminating influences of the world. In order to preserve it a select and safe School for our children, we feel it to be very important that the careful guards which from time to time have been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in relation to the admission of scholars, should be faithfully maintained; and we think it right at this time to revive some of these regulations, and to solicit Friends strictly to observe them.

First. Every Monthly Meeting is desired to have a Committee specially appointed for the purpose of granting certificates to all children, both male and female, whom they may consider suitable to enter the School; and parents are requested in every case, when proposing to send a child to the school, to make seasonable application to such Committee, in order to obtain their certificate.

Second. No male scholar, over fourteen years of age, can enter the School without previously obtaining permission so to do, from the Sub-Committee, who meet on 3d day before the first 5th day, in every month; and a certificate from the Monthly Meeting's Committee must be produced in these as well as in other cases.

Third. It is particularly requested that Committees in granting certificates, will exercise a care that children should bring no clothing to the School unsuitable to be worn on account of plainness; and that they give evidence of a disposition to conform to the rules of the School, and to demean themselves in an orderly and consistent manner; which should be expressed in the certificate.

Fourth. No scholar can enter the School for a less time than one term, without the consent of the Sub-Committee; and when, under peculiar circumstances, it may be deemed proper to admit a child after the term has commenced, it is desired that he will continue in the School until the ensuing vacation.

The faithful observance in this Institution of our well known and important testimonies as to plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, continues to claim our unabated attention; and we earnestly desire that the importance thereof may be duly impressed upon the minds of the children, before leaving their homes, and that they may be encouraged in no respect to deviate therefrom, and thus wound themselves, and bring reproach upon our profession. In a Circular first issued in 1835, and revived in 1839, copies of which were transmitted to the different Monthly Meetings, some directions were proposed as to what constituted a suitable attire for scholars; to which we desire again to refer Friends who are intending to to send their children to the School.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th mo. 5th, 1843.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day, 10th month 30th. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 4th month 29th, 1844.]

Also the London printed Epistle has been read to the comfort and instruction of many minds.

Our beloved friend Rachel W. Jones attended this Meeting with a minute from China Monthly Meeting dated the 15th of 5th mo 1843 expressive of the unity of that Meeting with her in her present religious engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on her minute expressive hereof.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th mo next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 5th of 10th mo 1843.

Representatives for Sandwich are Hannah Sears, Content Russell, and Chloe Swift. Pembroke. Sarah Keen and Edy R. Little. Dartmouth Mary Gifford, Sylvia R. Wilbour and Susan S. Potter. Westport Barbara Gifford Esther A Macomber and Anne Macomber. Nantucket. Rachel Austin, Phebe Coffin, and Maria Coleman. New Bedford. Abigail Howland, Deborah Tallman Hannah Tripp and Grace Davis who being called are present except two, and satisfactory reasons given for their absence.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second and tenth queries have been received and together with the queries read in this Meeting.

Our esteemed friends Anna A. Jenkins from Providence Monthly Meeting. Mary B. Allen from Smithfield, and Elizabeth Wing from Rhode Island attended this Meeting producing minutes of concurrence from their respective Monthly Meetings. Their company and gospel labors are acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their respective minutes conformable to the above.

Acceptable Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read at this time to the comfort and encouragement of many minds.

The business of the Meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th mo next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 7th of 12th mo. 1843.

Representatives for Sandwich are Anna C. King Rebecca C. Hoxie and Ruth H. Baker, — Pembroke Beulah W Rogers and Edy R. Little. Dartmouth Sylvia R. Wilbur, Phebe Tripp Sarah Potter and Deborah Hand. Westport Mercy Gifford; Eunice Gifford and Martha Gifford. Nantucket Mary Barnard Jemima Austin, and Eliza Coleman, New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Ann H. Wing Hepsibah Howland and Abigail Davis, who being called are all present except Eunice Gifford for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. The clerk and assistant being absent Mary A Tucker is appointed clerk and Susan Taber assistant for the day.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second, and tenth queries were read in this meeting.

Our esteemed friend Daniel Clapp from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, Edward Foster companion to Daniel Clapp from the same Monthly Meeting, Charles F Coffin from Sidney Monthly Meeting and Lindley M. Hoag from Sandwich Monthly Meeting have been with us at this time, furnished with certificates of unity and concurrence from their respective meetings which together with their company and services have been truly acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in signing endorsements on their minutes conformable to the above.

A very acceptable printed Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London, also an acceptable transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends of the same place have been read at this time. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 4th month next at New Bedford. —

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 4. 1844.

Representatives for Sandwich are Alice Rogers, Rose Keller & Elisabeth Swift 3rd. Pembroke, Mary Stephens & Maria Brown. Dartmouth, Mary Gifford, Matty Davis Phebe R. Gifford & Phebe Tripp. Westport Elizabeth [illegible] Mary Gifford & [illegible] Brown. Nantucket Winnifred Chase, Rachel Gardner, & Susan Mitchell. New Bedford, Mary Taber, Sarah Russell & Betsy [illegible], who being called are all present.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the Queries have been received and together with the Answers have been read in this Meeting. A summary collected from the Answers with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our Representatives Alice Rogers, Susan Howland, Deborah Rogers, Ruth Davis, Abigail Davis, Sarah Barnard, Phebe R. Gifford & Barbara Gifford.

This Meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in [illegible] the public appearances in the ministry of Ruth C. Swain, the friends concurring therein. [illegible] is appointed to inform the Select Monthly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a feeling manner opened before this Meeting a prospect which for some time had rested on her mind of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York, also of visiting such Meetings and families constituting Westbury Quarterly Meeting as truth may open the way, as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this Meeting is feelingly united with & she left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct; being a Minister in unity with us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Men's Meeting in preparing an endorsement on her Certificate conformable to the above.

We have at this Meeting the company of our beloved friend John Pease from England, furnished with a certificate of concurrence from Darlington Monthly, endorsed by Durham Quarterly Meeting, & one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London, which with his gospel labours have been truly acceptable. The company and certificate of his companion Marmaduke C. Cope from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting have also been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Charles Taber attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Farnham Monthly Meeting endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting, State of New York, his company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The company of his companion Paul Southwick with a minute of unity from the [illegible] Monthly Meeting has also been acceptable.

The company & religious services of our beloved friend Thomas Anthony together with his minute of concurrence from Greenwich Monthly Meeting held [illegible] Rhode Island has been acceptable to us.

A Transcript of an acceptable Epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 7 mo next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Nantucket 7 mo. 4. 1844.

Representatives for Sandwich are Judith Swift, Elisabeth Swift 3rd & Anna D. Wing. Pembroke Maria Brown & Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Lucretia Tucker. Mary A. Tucker, & Nancy S. Potter. Westport. Mary Macomber, Mercy Gifford, & Barbara Gifford. Nantucket. Mary Paddock, Lydia Barker, & Deborah Ray. New Bedford Susan Howland, Betsey P. Wood, & Abigail Howland, who are all present except two and reasons assigned for their absence.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed Phebe R. Gifford is reappointed Clerk and Mary A. Tucker assistant until 4 mo. next.

Susan Howland informed this Meeting on behalf of the Representatives to the Yearly Meeting that they all attended agreeably to appointment. Acceptable extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read at this time.

This Meeting adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met agreeably to adjournment near the fourth hour. Representatives present that attended the first sitting. Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received with answers to the First, Second, & Tenth queries, which together with the queries have been read in this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Martha J. Hodges attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from China Monthly Meeting held at South China, State of Maine. Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Joseph Brown from Butternuts Monthly Meeting State of New York - James Jones from China Monthly Meeting, State of Maine and Lindley M. Hoag, from Sandwich Monthly Meeting State of New Hampshire - attended this Meeting with minutes of concurrence from their respective Meetings. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing endorsements on each of their certificates expressive hereof.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude - purposing to meet again in 10. mo. next at Sandwich.

EXTRACT

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 16th to the 21st, inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1844.

THE Annual Report of the Committee of this Meeting having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to us, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, jun. *Clerk.*

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee Report, That they have endeavoured during the past year to discharge the services entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Boarding School. The average number of scholars has been 55. Meetings have been regularly held in the house, and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends Allen and Olive Wing are engaged for the present year as Superintendents; and Charles Atherton and William Nicholson as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary Atherton and Elizabeth J. Aldrich in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School from all sources has been $\$9,356\frac{99}{100}$, its expenditures $\$9,202\frac{86}{100}$, and that there is a balance in the Treasury of $\$5,220\frac{85}{100}$, the devise of our late friend Moses Brown of $5,000, for the purchase of real estate, having been received during the past year; a part of which is due for the purchase effected agreeably to the will of the donor. For details of the receipts and expenses of the School, we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, herewith forwarded.

We would propose that the price for board and tuition be continued the same as last year: viz. $30 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $45 for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and $50 for those of other Yearly Meetings. Books and stationary being furnished as at present. We also think it safe to propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar for the next winter term, free of expense, and Monthly Meetings are requested to exercise care in the selection of the scholars, to conform to the conditions of the will of the principal donor to the charitable fund, viz. that it be applied "for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings."

The Schools have been examined at the close of each term by a Committee appointed for that purpose; and from the last report of the visiting Committee we make the following extract: viz. "In the examination of the scholars, satisfactory evidence was given of their having made good proficiency in the studies in which they had been engaged. The knowledge and acquaintance manifested in some of the most important branches of education were such as to warrant the conclusion that there had been a very commendable degree of application on the part of the scholars, and faithfulness and assiduity on that of the teachers. The general appearance of the school was satisfactory, and the deportment of the scholars orderly, inducing a belief that usefulness continues to result from the Institution."

In review of the past year the Committee are brought to feel regret that the number of scholars has been less than in many former years. The object of the Yearly Meeting in establishing the School, that the children of Friends might receive a religious, guarded education, free from the contaminating influences of the world, may we believe be in a good degree attained by placing our children in this Institution. We therefore desire affectionately to encourage our fellow-members to avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from this School, that thus the concern and liberality of our departed Friends, who were instrumental in establishing and endowing it, and who are now gathered from works to rewards, may be to the benefit of the children of the present and succeeding day.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

THOS. HOWLAND, Clerk at this time.

Boarding School, 5th mo. 3d, 1844.

[The next Winter term will commence on Second-day 10th month 28th. The next Summer term, on Second-day, 4th month 28th, 1845.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 3. Mo 10. 1844-

Representatives for Sandwich are Huldah Gifford Rose F. W. & Hannah Holway. Pembroke, Edy R. Little & Beulah W. Rogers, Dartmouth Sarah Potter, Mary Davis, Virtue T. Potter & Sylvia R. Wilbour. Westport Lydia C. Earle Ruth C. Baker, and Mary Macomber. Nantucket, Mary Barnard, Lydia Swain & Mary Gardner. New Bedford Susan Howland, Betsey P. Wood Hannah Leonard, & Phebe Swift who being called are present except one.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth queries which together with the queries have been read in this Meeting.

Our esteemed friend Susan Howland returned at this time a copy of a minute granted her in 4. Mo last together with an endorsement from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in New York, and one from Western Quarterly Meeting both expressive of her company and religious services having been acceptable.

Our beloved friend Alice Rathbone attended this Mtg with a minute of concurrence from Smithfield Monthly Meeting State of Rhode Island. Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing an endorsement on her certificate expressive hereof.

Our beloved ancient friend Zacheus Bowerman attended this Meeting furnished with a minute of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting State of Maine. His company and gospel labors amongst us have been acceptable. also the company of his companion Stephen Nichols from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting has been acceptable.

A satisfactory report from the Committee of our Yearly Meetings Boarding School has been received and read at this time.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 12. Mo next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 12th month 1844.

Representatives from Sandwich are Ruth H. Baker Mary Wing and Mercy E. Wing. Pembroke, Edy R. Little & Ruth Ellis. Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Deborah Handy and Sarah Tucker. Westport, Mercy Gifford, Innocent Howland, & Hannah Kirby. Nantucket, Mary Tallock, Mary Barnard & Lydia Swain. New Bedford, Phebe Russell, Rhoda Howland Sarah H. Anthony, Grace Davis, Ruth Davis, & Polly Bradford who being called are all present.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings have been received, with Answers to the First, Second, and Tenth queries, which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Mary Wing informs this meeting she has attended to the object of her appointment in fourth month last, in the case of Ruth H. Baker.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Crowell to the Station of an Elder, having the concurrence of men friends herein — Mary Wing, is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof.

Our Esteemed friend Harvey Derbyshire, from Leeds Monthly Meeting Canada West — Benjamin Fry from Sandwich — Monthly meeting State of New Hampshire, and Daniel Clapp from Uxbridge Monthly meeting, are all in attendance of this meeting, with satisfactory minutes of concurrence from their respective Monthly meetings, their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us — also the company of Jonathan Ferris from Leeds Monthly Meeting companion to Harvey Derbyshire has been acceptable.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from Ohio, London, & Dublin Yearly Meetings have been read at this time to our satisfaction.

The business of this Meeting being closed — we conclude, purposing to meet again in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 3d of 4th month 1845.

Representatives for Sandwich are Huldah Gifford, Abigail W Holway, Ruth H. Baker & Mary Wing. Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth, Mary Davis, Sarah Potter, Susan H. Smith, Rachael Gifford, & Sarah Tucker; Westport. Barbara Gifford, Anna Maccomber, Martha Gifford and Innocent Howland. Nantucket, Sarah Barnard, Elizabeth Mitchell & Susan Mitchell. New Bedford. Sarah Russell, Susan Howland & Ruth Davis who being called are all present. The time having expired for which the Clerk & assistant were appointed - Phebe R Gifford is reappointed Clerk, & Mary A. Tucker assistant for the the year ensuing.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the queries have been received & together with the queries read in this meeting — a summary collected from the answers, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our friends, Mary Wing, Judith Swift, Mary Davis, Lydia Hussey, Susan Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary Shepherd, Sarah Barnard & Anna Maccomber whom we appoint our Representatives.

Our esteemed Friend Anna Q. Wing spread before this Meeting a religious concern which for some time had rested on her mind to attend the approaching Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, also to attend some meetings within its limits & a few on the way going or returning, as expressed in her Certificate of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly Meeting — which claiming the consideration of this meeting is feelingly united with and one left at liberty to pursue her prospect as Truth may direct, being a Minister in unity with us, the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens Meeting, in signing an endorsement on her minute conformable to this.

An acceptable Communication from the Meeting for Sufferings held 12th month 6th 1844 has been received & read at this time; Also the London, printed Epistle of the past year has been received & read to our satisfaction & encouragement.

Our esteemed Friend Elizabeth Peckham attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Greenwich Monthly Meeting

State of Rhode Island, which with her company, & religious services are acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to sign an Endorsement on her Certificate expressive thereof.

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in 7th Mo next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket 3rd of 7th Month 1845.

The names of Representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings, excepting Nantucket being called are from Sandwich. Mary [illegible], Hepzibah W. Swift, Elizabeth Dillingham, Ruth H. Baker. Pembroke. Edy [illegible] Little, Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth. Ann A. Tucker, Mary Gifford, Susan Tucker, Westport. Anna Macomber, Barbara Gifford, Esther A. Macomber, Lydia Howland. New Bedford. Susan Howland, [illegible] Ward, Judith B. Hussey, & Rhoda Gifford who are all present except two & a satisfactory reason assigned for the absence of one.

The Accounts from Nantucket Monthly Meeting being called for, our friend Sarah Barnard informs that she was appointed by that Monthly Meeting to attend this, as Representative, — that she called on the Clerk of said Meeting for the account, who informed her, she had given it to Mary Barnard another of the Representatives. Mary Barnard now declines presenting the account to the regular Clerk at the table, saying, they thought it right to retain it, from which circumstances it appears to be in the hands of those who have joined in a secession from our Society.

We have at this time received a Copy of a Minute, from our last Yearly Meeting, giving information that a painful Secession of a portion of our members from the Body had then taken place, on which account, that Meeting believed it right to appoint a Committee to visit the subordinate Meetings and render such assistance as circumstances might require & way open, as expressed in said Minute. A number of the Committee therein named, are now, acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform, they all attended agreeably to appointment except Mary Barnard & Judith Swift, who after the first sitting joined with those who seceded from us.

An Epistle from our last Yearly Meeting addressed to its subordinate Meetings & individual members has been received & read amongst us, tending to the strength & encouragement of many minds.

The Meeting adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon

Afternoon — Met agreeably to adjournment near the fourth hour. Representatives being again called, are all present that answered to their names the first sitting. Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings (Nantucket excepted) have been received with answers to the usual three queries, which, together with the queries have been read in this Meeting.

Our Esteemed friend, Anna D. Wing, forwarded to this Meeting the Copy of a Minute, granted her in fourth Month last, to attend the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, accompanied with information that she had performed the visit to the peace & satisfaction of her mind.

Mary Wing informs this Meeting, she has attended to the object of her appointment in 12th Month last, in the case of Abigail Crowell.

Our Esteemed friend, Cornelius Douglass attended this Meeting with a minute of concurrence from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting State of Maine endorsed by Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting, which with his company & gospel labours amongst us have been acceptable The clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on his Certificate expressive thereof.

A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in London, has been read at this time; its instructive contents has been comforting to us. Also a report from the Committee of our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has been read, & is satisfactory to us.

This Meeting being introduced into a feeling of deep concern on account of the progress of a dividing separating Spirit within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, Believes that the appointment of a Committee is called for to visit such of our subordinate Meetings as may seem to them to stand in need of assistance — & therein to labour as way may open for it in the ability which may be afforded in enabling such Meetings to sustain our Discipline reputably to the cause of Truth acting herein on our behalf in concert with the Committee appointed by our late Yearly Meeting, to visit subordinate Meetings & make report to a future Meeting. Our men friends informing they had appointed a Committee for this service, — we appoint our friends Huldah Gifford, [illegible] Gifford, Elizabeth W. [illegible] Phebe R. Gifford, Ruth H. Dakin, [illegible] Anna Macomber, Mary Gifford, Betsy R. Wood, Beulah W. Rogers

Rachel Swain & Lydia Barker a Committee to unite with Men Friends for the purposes above stated — They are also requested to take into consideration the times & places of holding this Quarterly Meeting and to ascertain whether any change could be effected therein to promote the best interests of Society.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again in 10th Month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th mo 2d 1845

The names of Representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings being called are from Sandwich, Rebecca C. Davis, Rebecca A. Gifford, Mary Wing and Ruth H. Baker. Pembroke, Ely H. Little & Sarah Keene Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Nancy S. Potter & Mary Gifford Westport. Barbara Gifford, Elizabeth Wilbur & Mary Macomber Nantucket Lydia C. Mitchell, Lydia Barker & Rachel Easton New Bedford Susan Howland Sarah H. Anthony Ruth Davis & Betsy W. Wood who are all present. Accounts have been received from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the first, second and tenth Queries, which together with the Queries have been read in this Meeting.

The accounts from Dartmouth, Westport, Nantucket, and New Bedford Monthly Meetings contain painful information that a number of the members of said meetings have joined in a secession from our religious Society and have set up meetings in violation of our Discipline, assuming the name of the respective Monthly Meeting to which they severally belonged — Nantucket Monthly Meeting also informs that the Clerk and assistant Clerk of their Meeting being of that number it was deemed proper in seventh Month last to dispense with their services and appoint other friends for that service and that no disposition being manifested on the part of those who had seceded to relinquish the use of the Clerk's table & the occupancy of the house, Women Friends united with the Mens Meeting in adjourning to a Friends, House in the Neighborhood for the more quiet & satisfactory accomplishment of the business of the Monthly Meeting, since which time their meetings have been held in a House procured for that purpose in a central part of the Town.

Our Men Friends inform that one of the Quarterly Meetings Committee has reported to their Meeting on behalf of the Committee that some attention has been paid to the object of their appointment, but that they were not ready at this time to make a full report. The subject of changing the place of holding our Quarterly Meeting, which has been held on Nantucket had occupied their attention and resulted in the conclusion to propose to this Meeting that in future it be held at the same time at Falmouth, which was united with in their Meeting and the further consideration thereof referred to our next Quarterly Meeting, in which this Meeting concurs & appoints our friends, Hannah Tabor, Sarah Potter, Mercy C. Wing, Abigail Russell & Hannah Bradford in addition to the Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting for the purposes stated in the minute of their appointment and to report to a future Meeting.

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude under an humbling sense that Divine favour has been mercifully extended on the present occasion, purposing to meet again in 12th mo next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12th Mo 4th 1845.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich, Rachel Akin, Elizabeth [illegible] Wing & Rebecca Wing. Pembroke. Edy R. Little and Maria Brown. Dartmouth, Nancy S. Potter. Rachel Gifford & Elizabeth Potter Westport Comfort Gifford. Ruth Macomber & Hannah Kirby. Nantucket, Lydia Hosier, Maria Coleman & Lydia Hussey New Bedford, Rhoda Howland. Susan Howland. Hannah Bradford & Lydia Howland who being called are present except one & reason assigned for her absence.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with Answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting informs that they have disowned from our Religious Society Mary Davis, who stood in the station of a Minister, & Phebe Tripp in the station of an Elder, which receiving the approbation of this Meeting, Abigail Crowell is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof.

The Committee appointed by this Meeting in Seventh Month last, to which an addition was made in 10th month last, in conjunction with a Committee appointed by the Men's Meeting, have now produced the following Report

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly Meeting in 7th Month last, and to which an addition was made in the 10th —— Report, That they have endeavoured to fulfil the object of their appointment, by visiting such of the Monthly and Preparative Meetings, as appeared to them to stand in need of assistance, to enable them to sustain the Discipline of our Society; & now have to state, that most of the Monthly Meetings which succeeded the Quarterly Meeting held at Nantucket in 7th Month, were attended by John Wilbur, and several others, under appointment, as appeared from a body, which at the time of our Yearly Meeting in 6th mo last organized itself in a manner wholly unknown to the Discipline, and assumed the name and authority of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, — and whose object now showed itself to be, to carry forward the work of Separation in the Subordinate Meetings; in which they were aided by a Committee under appointment, as was understood, from a body that had separated itself, in a disorderly manner from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, during its sitting at Nantucket — and in this object, we regret the necessity of stating, they have to some extent succeeded, so that separate Meetings, disclaiming any Subordination to our Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, have been set up and organised within the limits of Westport, Dartmouth, and New Bedford Monthly Meetings, assuming the names of those Meetings respectively; but it affords us satisfaction to be able to add, that in these Meetings by far the greater number of Members remain united with Friends

Nantucket Monthly Meeting, held in due course, on the 31st of 7th Month last, having Clerks under appointment who had identified themselves in the Separation, and not being disposed to acknowledge the authority of the Yearly and Quarterly Meetings, Friends there, who remained attached to the Society in its present organization, were encouraged to endeavour to sustain a Monthly Meeting in subordination to these Meetings, which was accordingly organized at that time, and has since been held, with a Preparative Meeting, & Meetings for Worship thereto attached, and though the members of which it is constituted, are exceeded in numbers by those who have identified themselves in the Separation, we believe their meetings (several of which have been visited by members of this Committee) have been reputably held. In Sandwich & Pembroke Monthly Meetings no division has taken place — one Family only, having withdrawn from the former.

In regard to the present situation of Friends within the limits of the several Monthly Meetings in which division has taken place, we deem it right to inform the Quarterly Meeting, that in Westport those who have joined in the secession, continue to meet with Friends for the purpose of holding their Monthly Meetings, transacting their own business, and then withdrawing and leaving Friends to transact theirs. In Dartmouth, since the 8th month last, Friends have not been at all interrupted in the transaction of the business of the Monthly Meeting; but in the North Preparative Meeting, held at Newtown, they have met with continued interruption by the presence of those who meet there, and hold a Preparative Meeting in connection with the Seceding Monthly Meeting. In New Bedford none of our Meetings have, in any respect, been interrupted, since the withdrawal of those who left us in the 7th month, — and at Nantucket, the Meetings of Friends, being held in rooms provided by themselves, have in no way been interfered with.

Before closing this brief Report, we may add, that in our judgement, the situation of Friends in various parts of this Quarterly Meeting, calls for the continued aid of this Meeting through a Committee

Which is submitted to the consideration of the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

New Bedford
12th Month 3rd 1845

Samuel Slade
Mary Wing.

which is accepted by this and the Mens Meeting and the same Committee continued.

The Mens Meeting inform that the subject of changing the place of holding the Quarterly Meeting had occupied their attention & resulted in referring the subject to the care of the Committee appointed by this Meeting who are requested to report to our next Quarterly Meeting, in the mean time this continued. A transcript of an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in New York, has been read at this time to our comfort & encouragement.

This Meeting unites with the Mens Meeting in approving the judgment of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in disowning Seth Davis from our Religious Society.

The business of this Meeting being closed, it concludes, proposing to meet again in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 2nd of 2nd month 1846.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich Ruth W. Baker, Huldah Gifford, Mercy H. Wing and Rebecca C. Nye. for Pembroke, Mary Shepherd and Bulah P. Rogers. Dartmouth Mary Gifford, Sarah Tucker and Sarah Potter. Westport Barbara Gifford, Hannah Kirby, and Mary Macomber. Nantucket Susan Barnard, and Lydia C. Mitchell. New Bedford Susan Howland, Ann H. Wing, Deborah Tallman, and Phebe Swift. who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk of this meeting were appointed. Phebe R. Gifford is reappointed Clerk, and Mary A. Tucker assistant the year ensuing.

The Queries with the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read. a summary collected from the answers, which with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded thereto by our Representatives Ruth Davis, Ruth K. Baker, Mercy K. Wing, Beulah W. Rogers, Susan Howland, Lydia Hussey, Mary A. Tucker, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary Gifford and Barbara Gifford.

This meeting is informed that Abigail Crowel has attended to her appointment in conveying to the Select Meeting the information she had in charge.

This meeting concurs with men Friends in uniting with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Newhall Hoxie.

Men Friends have produced the following minute viz.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held at New Bedford 1st of 4th month 1846.

The Committee appointed in the 12th month to consider the subject of uniting the Select Members of Nantucket Monthly Meeting to some other body, reported, that they had given attention thereto, and that after ascertaining the views of the only two Friends there, members of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders who remain in unity with this Meeting, are united in judgment that it will be best to join them to the Select Meeting held at New Bedford, till way shall open for the reestablishment of a select Meeting at Nantucket. Which being considered, was united with the Friends of this Meeting and the Clerk was directed to lay a copy of this minute before the Quarterly Meeting for its consideration and action thereon.

From the minutes of said Meeting

Abrm. Shearman, junr. Clerk.

The proposition therein contained is united with in this and the men's meeting.

The joint Committee appointed by this meeting in seventh month last, to which an addition was made in tenth month last, report, that they have given some attention to the object of their appointment, and are united in recommending to this meeting that no change be made at present in the holding of our Quarterly Meeting. which report is accepted by this and the men's meeting, and the same committee continued for the purposes stated in the minute of appointment.

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Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Rhoda Howland jun^r. and also in Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Phebe R. Gifford, having the concurrence of the men's meeting herein; and Susan Howland is appointed to inform the select Meeting thereof.

We have at this time the company of Rowland Greene with a minute of concurrence from Greenwich Mont Meeting, which with his company and religious services are acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing an endorsement on his certificate expressive hereof.

Nantucket Monthly Meeting informs that Mary Macy who stood in the station of a minister, and Elizabeth Mitchell who stood in the station of an Elder have been disowned from our religious society. Barbara Gifford is appointed to inform the select meeting thereof.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude; purposing to meet again (if permitted) in seventh month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket 2^nd of 7^th month 1846.

By accounts recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings, the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Mary Wing, Rebecca Wing, and Rhoda G. Wing. Pembroke, Beulah W. Rogers, and Mary Shepherd. Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Phebe R. Gifford, and Hannah S. Allen. Westport, Barbara Gifford, Rebecca A. Church, and Ann D. Allen. Nantucket Lydia Barker, Lydia B. Mitchell, and Ann Hussey. New Bedford Sarah Howland, Betsey P. Wood, Ann H. Wing, and Sarah Anthony, who being called are all present except one, and a reason assigned for her absence.

Our friends Barbara Gifford and Susan Howland inform that they have conveyed to the select Meeting the information they had in charge.

Susan Howland reports on behalf of the Representatives that they all attended the Yearly Meeting agreeably to appointment except one, who has given a satisfactory reason for her nonattendance.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1846—

The Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence presented their annual report, which was read; and while the care thus manifested by the Committee is satisfactory to this Meeting, yet, in view of the importance of the concern, and with desires that the greatest amount of good may be dispensed to the members of our religious Society from an Institution established, as we doubt not, in best wisdom, and endowed and cherished by beloved friends, deeply concerned for the promotion of truth and the preservation and guarded education of the children of this Society, we are induced now to appoint our friends * * * * * * a Committee to take the whole subject into their solid consideration, and if, after careful deliberation, they are prepared to propose any change, either in the Committee or in the manner of their discharging the duties of their appointment, or to make any other suggestion that they apprehend will promote the interests of the Institution, they are requested to report the same to a future sitting of this Meeting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee to whom this subject was referred presented the following report, viz.:—

"To the Yearly Meeting.

"The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the report of the School Committee, and who were requested to make any suggestions that they might deem important in relation to the welfare of the School and promotion of the best interests of the Institution, report:

"That they have given to the subject their careful deliberation, and are united in making the following propositions to the Yearly Meeting, viz.:

"In order to effect a more direct responsibility on the part of those appointed by the Yearly Meeting to superintend the School, and to induce greater efficiency of action in the direction and management of its affairs, we would propose that a small Committee of twelve of each sex should be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to whom should be committed the care and superintendence of the Institution, six of whom (three of each sex) should be released from the charge and six others substituted annually. These six should be eligible to reappointment after one year, and the others to continue to be released in rotation, from year to year.

"It should be understood that this Committee should give their personal attention closely to the School, and should meet there monthly and appoint of their number such as they should deem proper to have the more immediate charge thereof during the recess of their meetings. They should visit the Schools to know for themselves their true state, by attending them during school hours, and by witnessing, advising, and directing in relation to the process of instruction, and they should judge of the standing and progress of the children, and enter into free intercourse with them and their teachers. They should advise with and direct the Superintendents respecting the expenditures and domestic management of the family, and endeavor to feel and exercise an individual interest in the various concerns of the Institution.

"We would also propose that the Yearly Meeting should appoint a General Committee on the subject of education, to be composed of Friends from the several Quarterly Meetings, to promote the guarded education of our children, both in the Boarding School and in Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and family schools, in accordance with the concern long felt by the Yearly Meeting. This Committee on Education should meet and consult with the School Committee at the time of our Yearly Meeting at Newport, and also at the School at the time of the examination in the tenth month at the close of the summer term. Both Committees should freely communicate with each other, and thereby endeavor to promote the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society. The whole to be subject to the control and direction of the Yearly Meeting annually.

"On behalf of the Committee,

"Rowland Greene,
"Sophronia Page.

"*Newport, 6th mo. 18th,* 1846."

—Which was fully considered and united with, and the propositions therein contained adopted by the Meeting; and the same Friends who presented the report were requested to produce to our

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th month 1st 1846.

The Clerk of this meeting being absent Mary A. Tucker is appointed Clerk and Sarah H. Anthony assistant for the day. The names of the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are from Sandwich, Martha Robinson, Mary R. Wing and Rhoda E. Wing. Pembroke, Maria Brown, and Edy R. Lillie. Dartmouth, Sarah Tucker, Charlotte Lawrence Mary A. Tucker, and Sarah Gifford. Westport, Deborah C. Gifford, Lydia C. Earle and Martha Davis. Nantucket, Eunice Marshal and Maria Coleman, New Bedford Phebe Swift, Lydia Howland, Betsey P. Wood, and Deborah Wing. who being called are all present.

Accounts have been recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the three queries usually considered, which, together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

The London printed Epistle of last year has been very acceptably read at this time.

We have at this time the company of our friend Edward Gove with a minute of concurrence from Seabrook Monthly Meeting held at Amesbury, which with his company and religious services are acceptable to us; also the company of our friend David Chalis his companion has been acceptable. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford the 3rd of 12th mo 1846.

The clerk of this meeting being absent, Mary A. Tucker is appointed clerk and Sarah H. Anthony assistant for the day.

Representatives for Sandwich are Hannah Gifford, Abigail Crowell, and Rebecca Howland, for Pembroke Edy R. Lillie, and Beulah W. Rogers, for Dartmouth Sarah Potter Mary A. Tucker, and Elizabeth Slade; for Westport Phebe Slade, Barbara Gifford, and Hannah Kirby for Nantucket Lydia B. Mitchell, Lydia C. Mitchell and Maria Coleman for New Bedford Kezia Tobey, Sarah Russell Rhoda Howland and Hannah Bradford who being called are present except two and a satisfactory reason assigned for the absence of one.

Accounts have been recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings with answers to the three queries usually considered; which together with the queries have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a concern which had for a length of time attended her mind to attend the ensuing Quarterly Meetings of Scipio and Farmington, and to visit some meetings and families within their limits if way should open for it in the Truth, as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, was fully and feelingly united with and she left at liberty to pursue her prospect being a minister in unity with us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in preparing an endorsement on her certificate conformable to the above. We have at this time the company of our friend Sarah B. Allen with a minute of unity and concurrence from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, which together with her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have at this time the company of our friend Sybil Jones who produced a minute of unity and concurrence from China Monthly Meeting, which together with her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our friends Rowland Greene with a minute of unity from Greenwich Monthly Meeting, Caleb A. Paine companion to Rowland Greene with a minute of unity from Providence Monthly Meeting. Eli Jones with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting, their company and religious services have been acceptable, and the clerk is directed to sign endorsements on their several minutes expressive hereof.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again if permitted in fourth month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 1st of 4th month 1847.

By accounts recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives therein named are from Sandwich Hepsibah W. Swift, Ruth K. Baker and Elizabeth Dillingham from Pembroke Mary Shepherd, & Eliza R. Little from Dartmouth Sarah Tucker Mary A. Tucker and Elizabeth Slade. from Westport Anna Macomber Elizabeth Wilbur, and Eunice Gifford, from Nantucket Rachel Swain, Lydia Barker, and Lydia B Mitchell from New Bedford, Rhoda Howland, Rachel S, Howland Betsey P, Wood, Grace Davis and Sarah H, Anthony. who being called are all present except one.

The Time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk of this meeting were appointed; Phebe R, Gifford, and Mary A, Tucker being again proposed were united with and they accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing;

The Queries with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read, a summary collected from the answers which, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our friends Susan Howland, Ruth Davis, Ruth H, Baker, Mary Shephard, Phebe R, Gifford, Lydia Hussey & Anna Macomber whom we appoint our representatives.

This meeting concurs with men friends in uniting with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in appointing David K, Akin to the station of an Elder.

The joint Committee continued under appointment by our Quarterly Meeting in fourth month last now present the following report viz, which is accepted in this and the men's meeting and the Committee released.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee continued in the 4th month last to visit such meetings as in their judgment might stand in need of assistance report. that they have given attention to the subjects of their appointment, and as way has opened for it have rendered such advice as circumstances seemed to require.

In the eighth month last the Seceders from our religious society within the limits of Newtown meeting withdrew from the meeting House, and Friends of that meeting have not been interrupted by them since that time.

Friends of Westport Monthly meeting except at Little Compton were also relieved by their withdrawing from their meetings both for worship and discipline about the first of tenth month last.

The Meeting House at Little Compton continues in the possession of the seceders, and it appears from information given to the Committee, that there is but one family of Friends within the limits of that small meeting, decidedly in unity with our Society.

In regard to the holding of the Quarterly Meeting at Nantucket, the Committee are united in believing that the time has not arrived that any change should take place.

On behalf of the Committee
Huldah Gifford
Hepzibah W. Swift.
William C. Taber.
Newell Hoxie.

New Bedford 3rd month 31st 1847.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again in seventh month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket 1st of 7th month 1847.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich Huldah Gifford, Abigail Wing, Beulah Wing, & Elizabeth Swift 2nd for Pembroke Maria Brown & Beulah W. Rogers, Dartmouth Mary Gifford, Sarah Tucker, & Nancy S. Potter for Westport, Anna Macomber Martha G. Davis, and Rebecca A. Church for Nantucket Lydia Barker, & Rachel Baxter for New Bedford, Ann H. Wing, Ruth Davis, Rhoda Gifford, and Lydia Howland who being called are all present. The assistant Clerk being absent Beulah W. Rogers is appointed for the day. Our friend Ruth Davis informed this meeting, on behalf of the representatives to the Yearly Meeting, that they all attended agreeably to appointment except one, who has rendered a satisfactory reason for her nonattendance.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received and read at this time to our comfort and encouragement.

This meeting adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Met agreeably to adjournment near the fourth hour.

The Representatives being again called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received and read at this time a satisfactory Report from the Boarding School Committee which is as follows viz. also Extracts from the minutes of our Yearly Meeting of Men Friends containing an account of the exercises of said meeting in regard to the maintainance of our various christian testimonies, and the tender counsel and advice imparted at that time; which has been satisfactory to us. This meeting has also received from our last Yearly Meeting a Revision of several articles of Discipline relating to Marriage — with the request that it be inserted in our printed book of Discipline, which has been read and accepted.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends Anna D. Wing with a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting and Elizabeth Peckham with a minute of unity from Greenwich Monthly Meeting State of Rhode Island their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in signing returning minutes conformable to the above.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude purposing to meet again if permitted, in tenth month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 7th of 10th month 1847.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Abigail Crowel, Lydia H. Wing and Deborah Boyce, from Pembroke Beulah W. Rogers, and Mary Shepherd. from Dartmouth, Charlottee Lawrence, Sarah Potter, Abigail H. Kirby, and Mary A. Tucker. from Westport Ann D. Allen Eunice Gifford, and Phebe Slade, from Nantucket Lydia B. Mitchell, Lydia C. Mitchell and Eunice Marshall, from New Bedford, Phebe Swift, Rhoda Howland, Abigail Davis and Hannah Bradford, who being called are all present except one and a satisfactory reason assigned for her absence.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1847,—The Clerk was directed to forward the following Extracts from our Minutes to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz :—

The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz :

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to have the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that they have during the past year given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe, that the Institution continues to be useful.

The average number of scholars has been eighty-five, viz : forty-two males and forty-three females.

Our friends Olney and Lydia Thompson, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; and Charles Atherton, Samuel Austin and Edward G. Hoag, have been engaged as teachers in the boys' school, and Mary Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as teachers in that of the girls for the same time. Elizabeth Prosser has also been an assistant teacher in the girls' school during the winter term.

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be released at the end of the last winter term, and the Committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents, that of taking the general government and direction of the schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell of Rochester, New York, to come into the Institution in that capacity, and assume those duties.

Charles Atherton, Edward G. Hoag, and Richard Dame, are engaged as assistant teachers in the boys' school, (the latter giving instruction in the languages,) and Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell, as assistant teachers in the girls' school, for a part or the whole of the present year.

As our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connection with the Institution until the present time, the former Superintendents kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired—and the former arrangements in the schools have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term.

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the school is now about to take place; and the friends who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the satisfaction of the Committee with their labors.

These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year, by more than usual indisposition among the scholars.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, except during the vacations, and harmony has prevailed. On the days of Providence Preparative Meeting, the meetings at the school have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examinations of the schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has been heretofore practised, and the deportment and proficiency of the scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the school for the year ending with the last winter term, has been $10,836 07, and the expenditures $12,136 54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of $1300 47. Seven hundred dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income, has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last term, of $1858 05.

We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz : Thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for those of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance—books and stationery being furnished as at present.

We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting—the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10th month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the summer term.

The Committee feel it right to express their belief, that there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our society at the school, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control.

And we would earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment and management such lively concern has been menifested by valuable Friends who are now gathered to their rest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*
Providence, 6th month 1st, 1847.

Third day morning, the 15th. Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the state of society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive. During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required. We were admonished to remember the source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are permitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them—that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below the gifts he has conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that, under a sense of our own frailties, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that He gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another, and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. The injunction of our Lord, of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercouse with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life. Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious, solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent, reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited, practically, by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct and immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value these sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvellously preserved, pure and unmutilated, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

A proposition contained in the report of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting, being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings, who are requested to report to a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together thereon, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following minute—the provisions of which are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting for Sufferings in the year 1830—and with only a slight alteration in the language to render its meaning more explicit, viz:—Such Friends as are of ability, who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses—but those who may not consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a line from Boston, running west to the Connecticut River, be at liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting; and that Friends of the island of Nantucket, and the representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings, shall be included in the provision made for those north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances.

On behalf of the Representatives,

STEPHEN A. CHASE.

Sixth month 16th, 1847.

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings—a testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time to some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country is involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies are contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scripture, that "every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood," is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another country, that is, a heavenly—how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan, fill his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamentation, and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more.

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host, of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely, the perpetuation and extension of slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow-men in bondage, and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"; and that we fail not, faithfully, in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our view in this part of our land.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Note.—Benajah Buffum is appointed correspondent for Berwick Monthly Meeting, in place of John D. Lang, removed from within the limits of that Meeting.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned at this time a copy of a minute granted her by this meeting in 12th month last accompanied with returning minutes from Farmington Quarterly Meeting and Farmington, Rochester, and Elba Monthly Meetings all expressive of her company and gospel labors among them having been acceptable, which, with her account that the visit had been performed to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind is satisfactory to us.

The London printed Epistle of the present year has been received and read at this time; its excellent and instructive contents have been acceptable and edifying to us.

The business of this meeting being closed; we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 2nd of 12th month 1847.

By accounts recieved from our respective monthly meetings the representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich, Lydia N. Holway, Phebe W. Kelly, and Rachel W. Aikin. from Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Beulah W. Rogers from Dartmouth, Sarah Potter, Mary Ann Francis, and Rachel Gifford. from Westport Hannah Kirby, Barbara Gifford, and Elizabeth Wilbur. from Nantucket Sarah W. Easton and Lydia C. Mitchell. from New Bedford Hannah T. Taber Desire Howland, Betsey P. Wood, and Hannah Bradford who being called are all present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three from each of our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting unites with Dartmouth monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sarah Potter and with the appointment of Mary Gifford to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of men friends herein; Anna Macomber is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof.

Men friends inform they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of David Kelly to the station of

Elder and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Isaac R. Gifford to the station of an Elder in which this meeting concurs.

Our beloved friend Anna E. Jenkins attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting which with her company and religious services are acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend John D. Lang being also in attendance with us, with a minute of unity from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting state of Maine his company and gospel labors are acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing returning minutes for each of our friends conformable to the above.

We unite with men friends in agreeing to the proposition from the Monthly Meeting held in Westport, that said meeting be in future called Westport Monthly Meeting instead of Acoaxet Monthly Meeting as originally called.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in fourth month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at New Bedford 6th of 4th Month 1848

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are from Sandwich, Huldah Gifford. Abigail Crowell. Clarissa Wing and Hepsibah W. Swift. from Pembroke. Edy R. Little and Mary Shepherd. from Dartmouth, Mary Gifford Nancy S. Potter. & Sarah Potter. from Westport Anna Macomber. Mary Macomber. and Mary Gifford. from Nantucket Sarah Barnard. Lydia B. Mitchell and Lydia C. Mitchell. from New Bedford Judith F. Hussey, Ann H. Wing. Abigail Davis. and Rachel S. Howland who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk were appointed — Phebe R. Gifford is appointed Clerk & Ann A. Tucker assistant for the year ensuing.

The Queries with the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read, a summary collected from the answers which, with an account to the Yearly Meeting are to be forwarded by our friends Rhoda Howland, Beulah W. Rogers, Phebe Swift, Huldah Gifford, Sarah Tucker, Sarah Potter, Lydia C. Mitchell, and Sarah Easton whom we appoint our representatives.

This Meeting concurs with Men Friends in uniting with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the Ministry of Josiah Holmes, Jun.

Anna Macomber informed this Meeting, that the information she had in charge to the Select Meeting in the case of [illegible] and Mary Gifford had been conveyed.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner spread before this Meeting a prospect which for many years had rested on her mind to perform a visit in gospel love to friends & others of England & Ireland also to attend the Yearly Meetings of London & Dublin and if way should open for it in the Truth, to visit Friends living on the Continent of Europe as expressed in her Certificate of unity from New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this Meeting is fully united with. Much unity and sympathy being expressed with her in the prospect of so weighty an engagement, she is left at liberty to proceed as best Wisdom may direct, being a Minister in unity with us.

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing an Endorsement on her Certificate embracing the substance of this.

The business of this Meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in the seventh month next at Nantucket

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held on Nantucket 6th of 7th Month 1848.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are from Sandwich Elizabeth Gifford, Rhoda G. Wing, Mercia H. Gifford from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] from Dartmouth Mary Gifford, Mary A. Tucker & Hannah S. Allen. from Westport Anna Macomber, Ann D. Allen & Martha G. Davis. from Nantucket Eunice Fitch, Lydia Barker & Lydia B. Mitchell from New Bedford, Sarah Howland, Hannah Bradford Abigail Davis & Sarah H. Anthony who being called are all present except three & a satisfactory reason assigned for the absence of one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting inform they all attended agreeably to appointment except one who has offered a reason for her non-attendance.

Acceptable Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time to the comfort & encouragement of many minds.

This Meeting adjourns to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Met agreeably to adjournment near the 4th hour Representatives being again called are all present that attended the first sitting. — We have at this time the company of our friends Charles Taber from Pelham Monthly Meeting East Canada. Thomas Wells from Miami Monthly State of Ohio. Lindley M. Hoag from New York and Paul Southwick from Peru Monthly Meeting companion to Charles Taber. Their minutes with their company and religious services have been acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on each of their minutes expressive thereof.

The Queries have been read with answers to the usual three from each of our Monthly Meetings.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island in the Sixth month, 1848.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following Report, which was interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

" *To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.*

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.

The School has been continued through the year (with the usual vacations) under the charge of Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

During the Summer Term, we had the services of Charles Atherton and Edward G. Hoag as assistant Teachers in the male department of the school, and Lafayette Burr, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages for five days in the week, to a class in this school. Richard Dame has also assisted in teaching the languages during part of the time. In the Girls' School, Gertrude E. Whittier and Sarah Alice Cornell served as Teachers.

During the Winter Term, in the Boys' School, the same teachers remained, and the school being large, Lindley M. Moore was engaged as assistant teacher in addition.

Martha M. Haines, Sarah Joy Brown and Sarah Alice Cornell, were assistant teachers in the Girls' School during the same Term.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by sub-committees regularly appointed at these meetings for that service, semi-annual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee; that at the close of the Summer Term being also attended by a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education.

Our several examinations in these various forms, have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

Of the scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies and improvement therein commendable—and we are encouraged to believe that the school has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the scholars—and favorable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening of good resolutions for a consistent course in after life.

The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one, viz.: fifty-five males, and forty-six females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed—and the family has been preserved in much harmony.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from the School Fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty-six dollars, seventy-seven cents;—from Board and Tuition of scholars, (including $130 87 for articles sold and $157 20 due from scholars for the past terms,) five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and seventy-seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty-five dollars, and fifty-four cents—leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty-one dollars, eighty-nine cents.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the Fifth month last, the time of the examination, may be stated at eleven hundred and eleven dollars and forty-six cents.

Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improvement about the grounds, the expense of which, exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year, viz. Thirty dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for any others who may be admitted—and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting; the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the Tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in plainness of dress and address. On this subject, labor and advice have been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the Committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with the children at home on these subjects. Under this belief, and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they issued, in the Third month last, a communication addressed to Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, on the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel—a copy of which is herewith presented.

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third month, with which eight or ten of the male scholars were more or less affected—and the removal by death of two young men, scholars in the school, during the year. The first was Thomas W. White, from Elizabeth City, Pacotank county, North Carolina, who died on the 20th of Eleventh month last, aged 21 years; and of whom it was reported, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the School was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction.

The second instance of mortality was Benjamin Winslow, of Winthrop, Maine, son of Joseph Winslow. He had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which had prevailed in the School, but from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3d of Fourth month, after a few days illness, aged 21 years. We believe it may not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man, during the time he spent in the School, was very exemplary—and after his disease assumed a character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favored unto the end, with much christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord and Saviour, he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted. Death, he said, had no terrors for him. He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth mo. 30th, 1848."

The following information is appended to the New York Epistle, viz:

" Correspondents.—John Duel for Saratoga Monthly Meeting, in place of Paul Kirby, released at his request. Address Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N. Y.

Ephraim Potter for Granville Monthly Meeting, in place of Harris Otis, deceased. Address Granville, Washington County, N. Y.

John Bevans for Pelham Monthly Meeting, in place of Joseph King, deceased. Address Pelham Post-Office, Niagara District, Canada West, via Lewiston.

Paul Southwick, Peru Monthly Meeting. Address Keesville, Clinton County, N. Y."

This Meeting concurs with Men friends in uniting with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland to the station of an Elder.

A satisfactory report from the Boarding School Committee has been received & read; also transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in London & Ohio have been read and were acceptable & edifying to us.

The business of this Meeting being closed, under a sense of the fresh extension of Divine favor we conclude proposing to meet again (if the Lord permit) in tenth Month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 5th of 10th Month 1848

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this Meeting are from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Mary R. Wing & Sarah S. Bowman, from Pembroke, Edy R. Little & Mary Shepherd. from Dartmouth, Sarah Potter, Mary Gifford & Mary S. [illegible] from Westport, Mary Macom Barbara Gifford. & Rebecca A. Church. from New Bedford Hepza Howland. Betsy P. Wood. Phebe Swift and Anna G. Wood who being called are all present.

No account from Nantucket Monthly Meeting hath been received, probably owing to friends of that place being deprived of an opportunity to get here in season to attend this Meeting.

Our beloved friends, Mary B. Farnum & Lydia R. Keller from Smithfield, Elizabeth Meader from Providence, Anna D. Wing from Rhode Island and Perez Peck & Joanna his wife from Coventry (Companions to Elizabeth Meader) all attended this Meeting, producing testimonials of unity from their respective Monthly Meetings, which with their company and religious services were acceptable to us, And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing a returning Minute for each, conformable to the above. — The Queries have been read with answers, to the first, second, and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings; Nantucket excepted. A transcript of an acceptable Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends in North Carolina has been read at this time.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford spread before this Meeting a concern which for some length of time had rested with weight on his mind to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and some Meetings constituting the same also the other Meetings belonging to Philadelphia & New York Yearly Meetings and if way should open for it to appoint a few Meetings among those not members of our religious Society, as expressed in his Certificate of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting which, claiming the solid consideration of this Meeting is feelingly united with, he being a Minister in unity with us. The Clerk is requested to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on his Certificate conformable to this Minute.

Samuel Brown Station of Elder

This Meeting concurs with Men Friends in uniting with Pembroke Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Brown to the Station of an Elder.

Men friends inform they have taken into consideration the propriety of changing the place of holding this Meeting in Seventh Month, and had referred the subject to a Committee this Meeting uniting therewith appoints Huldah Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Ruth Davis, Mary Shepherd, Barbara Gifford Phebe R. Gifford Rhoda Howland Jun, Betsy T. Wood, Hepsa Howland, Mary Gifford and Beulah W. Rogers a Committee to unite with Men friends & report to a future meeting.

The business of this Meeting being closed, we conclude under an humbling sense of Divine favor, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th Month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 7th of 12th Month 1848 —

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this Meeting, are from Sandwich Betsy Crowell, Elizabeth Swift, & Lydia H. Wing from Pembroke Mary Shephard, & Ruth Ann Shepherd, from Dartmouth Rachel Gifford, Sarah Tucker, & Elizabeth Wade. from Westport Rhoda Potter, Mary G. Maccomber, and Phebe Wade, from Nantucket Eunice Marshall, Sarah Barker

& Mary S. Wing, from New Bedford, Lydia Congdon, Ruth Sl Grace Davis & Sarah Howland, who being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the usual three from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have at this time the company of our esteemed friend William B. Thompson with a Minute of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting State of New Hampshire. His company and religious services are acceptable to us; the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on his Certificate conformable to this Minute.

Elizabeth Gifford approved

This Meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Elizabeth Gifford, having the concurrence of Men friends therein, & with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the Ministry of Rachel S. Howland, Men friends uniting therewith, [illegible] R. Gifford is appointed to inform the Select Meeting thereof in both cases—

Rachel S Howland approved 1848

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned at this time the Copy of a Minute granted in 10th Month last, together with an endorsement from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and one from Amawalk Monthly Meeting State of New York expressing his company & religious services having been acceptable, which, with the account he has rendered of his visit is acceptable to us.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished we conclude—purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 4th Month next at New Bedford.—

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 4th month 1848.

The women named from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich Rebecca C. Hoxie, Huldah Gifford, Bethia Gifford and Abigail Wing, from Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Hannah H. Rogers from Dartmouth [illegible] Anna E. Almy and Mary Ann Francis from Westport Mary Macomber 2nd Eunice Gifford and Barbara Gifford from Nantucket Sarah Barnard Lydia C. Mitchell and Lydia B. [illegible] from New Bedford [illegible] [illegible], Ruth Davis, Betsy F. Wood and Deborah Tallman who being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed Phebe R. Gifford is reappointed Clerk and Mary A. Tucker assistant for the year ensuing, but the assistant Clerk being absent Sarah H. [illegible] is appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting together with the Answers from all our Monthly Meetings; from which a summary has been compiled, which with an account to the Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded by our friends Ruth Davis, Phebe R. Gifford, Betsy Crowell, Rhoda Howland jun, Eliza [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Ruth H. Baker, Mercy H. King and [illegible] F. Wood who are appointed our Representatives.

Phebe R. Gifford informs that she has attended to her appointment in the cases of Elizabeth Gifford and Rachel S. Howland.

Lydia Congdon appointed to the Station of Elder

This Meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Lydia Congdon to the Station of an Elder having the concurrence of men friends therein. Phebe R. Gifford is appointed to inform the Select meeting thereof.

A [illegible] memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting our late beloved friend Abraham Shearman has been read at this time to our satisfaction.

The joint Committee appointed in 10th mo. last to whom the subject was referred respecting changing the time of holding this meeting in the 11th month have produced the following Report viz -

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of removing the Quarterly Meeting which has usually been held at Nantucket to some other suitable place report that they have had the subject under careful consideration and after a free expression of sentiment among themselves have agreed to propose that the Quarterly Meeting heretofore held at Nantucket in the 7th month should be in future held at the same time at Falmouth — which they submit to the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee
William C. Taber
Ruth H. Baker

which is accepted by this and the mens Meeting.

We unite with men friends in a proposition to change the hour of holding the Select Quarterly from the 11th to the 3rd hour of the same day

We are informed from the mens Meeting that they have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the ministry of Elnathan E. Delano and of the appointment of John Howland to the station of an Elder which has our concurrence.

Elnathan Delano minister
John Howland station Elder

The business of this Meeting being accomplished, we conclude, adjourning to meet again in 7th month next at Nantucket.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Nantucket 7th mo. 2d 1843

The reports received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Abigal Crowel, Chloe Swift and Elizabeth [illegible] — Falmouth [illegible] and Sarah W. Rodgers.

Dartmouth, Nancy S. Potter, Abby Gifford, and Hetty H. Wing.
Westport Phebe Slade, Barbara Gifford, and Anna Macomber;
Nantucket Abigail Allen, Lydia Barker and Sarah Barnard.
New Bedford Susan H. Allen, Lydia Congdon, Betsey P. Wood,
and Sophia Ricketson who being called are all present except one.

The Clerks of this meeting being absent Sarah H. Anthony is appointed Clerk, and Beulah W. Rodgers assistant for the day. The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, that they all attended except two, for whose nonattendance satisfactory reasons were given.

Our beloved friend Martha J. Hodges attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute from China Monthly Meeting, state of Maine, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Thomas Jones of Durham Monthly Meeting Maine — Cornelius Douglass from Springfield Monthly and Centre Quarterly meeting Ohio, Enos Pray from West Branch Monthly Meeting and West Branch Quarterly Meeting Ohio, attended this meeting producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, their company and religious services have been very acceptable to us.

We have also at this time the company of our belov'd friends Phebe R. Douglass companion to her husband Cornelius Douglass with a minute of unity from Springfield Monthly Meeting — and Isaac Jay companion to Enos Pray with a satisfactory minute from Mill Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio. their company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes expressive of the sense of this Meeting.

This meeting adjourns to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

Representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting. The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1849. The Committee having charge of our Boarding School presented the following Report, which is satisfactory to us, and the propositions therein contained are approved and confirmed by this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, have during the past year paid such attention to their appointments, as way has opened for, and according to their ability have endeavored to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting.

Our friends, Silas and Sarah M. Cornell, have continued in the station of Superintendents, and Charles Atherton and Edward G. Hoag, were engaged as Teachers in the boys' school during the year, with the addition of Richard D. Meader during the winter term. In the girls' school Martha M. Haines and Anna B. Page have been engaged as Teachers during the year, and Lydia Almy was employed in addition during the winter term.

Instruction in the languages has been given on five days in the week, in both schools during the year by Lafayette Burr, and in writing, during the latter part of the winter term, by Charles G. Pinkham.

The average number of scholars has been 117, viz. 63 males and 54 females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, harmony has prevailed, and the family generally has been favored with good health. One or two cases of varioloid occurred during the fall vacation, on which account the commencement of the winter term was delayed for two weeks.

Semi-annual examinations of the schools by the Committee have been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also been visited by sub-committees appointed monthly, and these examinations and visits have been generally satisfactory, showing a good degree of diligence on the part of the scholars, and care and vigilance on that of the Teachers.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter Term have been about 11,253 dollars.

The income has been as follows, viz. Interest from the School fund which may be stated at $6,800, and from board and tuition of scholars $6,400.

Total income $13,200, leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of about $1,000.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the fifth month, the time of settlement, may be stated at $508 77.

During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the acommodations for the school in the west wing, by which a much more commodious apartment is provided, and which is believed to be a great improvement. The expenses of this change and of various other repairs are included in the above expenditures. The deficiency in the income to meet the expenses of the Institution may be principally accounted for from the larger number of scholars who have been at the School the past year. The price of board and tuition for members of our own Yearly Meeting, being only about two-thirds of the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the income of the school will meet its expenses, and the number of scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been as it is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition, should be continued as last year, viz. thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for others who may be admitted, and that five dollars per term in addition continue to be charged for instruction in the languages. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term.

In pursuance of the authority given to the Committee by the Yearly Meeting: a sale has been effected of the parcel of land lying north of Olney street in the city of Providence, for the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured in the hands of the Treasurer of the School fund. And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired, it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend Moses Brown, intended for the enlargement of the Real Estate of the Institution, the Committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation of the income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the institution.

In conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim and receive the fostering care and concern of Friends, and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious society in affording facilities for training them up in a love of the truth, and in an increased concern for the maintenance of those precious testimonies given us to bear.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYCE,
Clerk for the day."

Newport, 6th mo. 9th, 1849

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women Friends. A satisfactory report from the Boarding School Committee and the London printed Epistle of last year containing much salutary counsel, have been acceptably read at this time.

By a minute received, we are informed that the Yearly Meeting unites in the proposition, that the Sittings of this meeting heretofore held at Nantucket, should hereafter be held at Falmouth. It also unites in the proposed change in the hour of holding our Select Quarterly Meetings.

The business of this meeting being closed, under a renewed sense of divine favor we conclude, purposing to meet again, (if permitted) in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 4th of 10th month 1849.

By accounts received from our respective monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich, Elizabeth Gifford, Ruth E. Baker and Abigail B. Holway. from Pembroke, Edy R. Little, and Maria Brown, Dartmouth Mary Gifford, Virtue Potter and Mary Ann Frances, Westport Anna Macomber, and Elizabeth G. Wilbor, Nantucket Phebe Bunker, and Lydia C. Mitchell, New Bedford Hannah Bradford, Deborah Taber, Ann H. Wing, and Susan G. Kempton, who being called are present except one and a reason given for her absence.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Wing attended this meeting producing a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, which, with her company and gospel labors are truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing a returning minute for the Friends who are with us, conformable to this.

We have also the company of John Meader with a Certificate of unity from Providence Monthly Meeting, which, with his religious services are satisfactory to us.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, with answers to the usual three from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Clerk informs that she has conveyed to the Select meeting the information she had in charge in the case of Lydia Congdon.

Our beloved friend Ruth H. Baker opened in this meeting a concern which had for some time rested on her mind to attend North Carolina Yearly Meeting and some of the meetings belonging thereto, and if way should open for it to appoint a few among friends and others as express'd in her Certificate of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting, is feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to proceed in her prospect agreeably to the dictates of Truth, being a minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's meeting in signing an endorsement on her Certificate conformable to this minute.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time accompanied his mind of performing a religious visit within the limits of Westbury, Purchase, Ninepartners and Stanford Quarterly meetings, also if way should open for it, to appoint some meetings among those not in membership with Friends as expressed in his Certificate of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, which, claiming the solid consideration of this meeting is united with, and he left at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, being a minister in unity with us; the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing an indorsement on his Certificate expressive of the unity of this meeting.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, under a sense of the fresh extension of Divine favor; purposing to meet again, (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 12th month 1849.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly meetings the Representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich Phebe W. Kelley, Lydia N. Holway, and Mercy K. Wing, from Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Ruth Ellis, from Dartmouth, Mary Gifford, Rhoda Howland, and Nancy S. Potter from Westport, Deborah C. Gifford, Mary Macomber 2nd and Lydia C. Earle, from Nantucket Lydia Bunker Lydia B. Mitchell, and Sarah M. Easton: from New Bedford. Sarah H. Anthony, Grace Davis, Mary D. Taber, and Abigail Davis. who being called are present except two, and a reason assigned for the absence of one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Sophronia Page attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting, which with her company and religious services are satisfactory to us. The company of her husband Enoch Page as companion in the service is also acceptable.

Our beloved friends John D. Lang from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, Samuel Taylor jun from Sidney Monthly Meeting, and Eli Jones from China Monthly Meeting State of Maine attended this meeting, producing satisfactory testimonials of unity from their respective meetings, their company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes expressive of the sense of this meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned at this time the Certificate granted her in fourth month of last year, together with a minute from the meeting of ministers and elders for Ireland held in Dublin certifying that her gospel labors among them had been satisfactory, her conduct and conversation edifying, which with the account she has rendered respecting her religious engagement in a foreign land is satisfactory to us.

Men friends inform that they have united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the ministry of William R. Taber in which this meeting concurs.

Our esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford returned at this time the minute granted him in 10th month last, together with endorsements from Westbury Purchase and Ninepartners Quarterly Meetings, and one from Oblong Monthly Meeting, all expressive of his company and religious services having been acceptable, which is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Ruth H. Baker also returned the minute granted her at our last Quarterly Meeting, with endorsements from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Western Quarterly, Deepriver, Springfield, and Deep Creek Monthly Meetings expressive of her company and religious services having been acceptable, which is satisfactory to us.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude, under a solemnizing sense of divine regard, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4th of 4th month 1850.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich, Betsey Akin, Rebecca E. Hoxie, Elizabeth Gifford, and Mercy H. Wing, from Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Maria Brown from Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Sarah Potter, Mary Gifford and Mary A. Tucker, from Westport, Deborah C. Gifford, Barbara Gifford, and Phebe Slade, from Nantucket Rachel Swain, Sarah Barnard, and Mary S. Wing from New Bedford, Susan Howland Grace Davis, Hannah Bradford, and Lydia J. Howland. who being called are present except three and a reason given for the absence of one.

The time having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed, Mary A. Tucker and Sarah H. Anthony being proposed, are united with, and are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled, and with an account to the Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded by our friends Phebe R. Gifford, Lydia Congdon Rachel S Howland, Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Barbara Gifford, Mary Shepherd, Elizabeth Dillingham, and Lydia W. Hussey, whom we appoint our representatives.

A lively and instructive Memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting respecting our late friend Mary Card has been read at this time to our satisfaction and edification.

We are informed from the men's meeting that they have united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Wing to the station of an Elder, and with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Barrett Baird to the same station; which has our concurrence.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Swift to the station of and Elder, having the unity of men friends herein; and the Clerk is requested to forward this information to the Select Meeting.

"We have received the following proposition from the Men's Meeting viz, that we unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding the Monthly Meeting in the 7th month from the 6th day preceding the first 5th day to the 6th day following the first 5th day in that month. and in holding the monthly Meeting at Yarmouth, which is now held at Sandwich in the 8th month, with which this meeting unites

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth; meeting to commence at the 10th hour.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 4th of 7th month 1856.

By accounts received from our respective monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich, Hannah Gifford, Hannah Holway, and Elizabeth Gifford, from Pembroke, Mary Shepherd and Beulah W Rogers, from Dartmouth, Huldah Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford, and Nancy S. Potter, from Westport, Anna Macomber, Mary G. Macomber, and Mary Macomber 2nd. from Nantucket Lydia Barker, Lydia C Mitchell, and Sarah Barker, from New Bedford Hannah Tripp, Susan G Hempton, Lydia Dexter, and Hannah Leonard, who being called are present except one.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report, they all attended except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Clerk reports she forwarded the information to the Select meeting in the case of Elizabeth Swift; and it is the conclusion of this meeting, that in future, information of this kind be forwarded to the Select Meeting by the Clerk of the men's meeting.

We have at this time the company of our friend Rachel W. Jones with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting state of Maine; which with her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us; also our friend Stephen Jones with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting, and Elisha Jones with a minute of concurrence from

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1850, the subjoined Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and was satisfactory to this Meeting, and a Committee was appointed to consider the subjects specially proposed therein to be determined by this Meeting and report their views thereon, as well as on any matter connected with the interests of the Institution, to a future sitting.

"To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England,
Sixth Month, 1850.

We, your Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention thereto.—Meetings of the Committee at large have been held at the School, Quarterly, and of a Sub-Committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there Monthly, in the intervening months, at which reports on the condition of the School have been received from members of the Committee deputed to visit it and examine into its condition in the intervals of these Monthly Meetings.

We believe in this manner a pretty intimate knowledge of the condition of the Institution in its various departments has been kept up by the Committee; and we are encouraged to believe that this condition has been generally much in accordance with the wishes of Friends.

The labors of the Committee have been at times called for and bestowed, to encourage the attention of the Teachers and Scholars to the common and indispensible branches of an English education, such as will fit them to fill the common walks of life, and to discourage a neglect of these for the pursuit of such as do not so immediately concern practical business.

Yet we think it right to furnish in the School the means of instruction in some of the more advanced studies such as Mathematics, Astronomy, the Latin, Greek and French languages, Natural Philosophy, &c. But we believe that in the present state of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting, the Institution will be most useful in encouraging such a course of study as looks to the fitting of the children of Friends practically to fulfill the duties common to all—while we agree entirely with the recommendation of George Fox, that Friends' schools should teach whatever is useful in the creation.

Our friends Silas Cornell and Sarah M. Cornell have continued to serve the Institution as Superintendents, and Charles Artherton and Richard D. Meader as Teachers in the Boys' School, with the addition of Welcome O. Brown during the winter term. In the Girls' School as Teachers we have had the services of Martha M. Haines, Anna B. Paige, and Lydia Almy during the year. Instruction in the languages has been given as heretofore, for a part of the year by Lafayette Burr, and for the remainder by George Pierce.

The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and one, viz. fifty-one males and fifty females.

The family has generally been favored with health, and harmony has prevailed. Meetings for worship have been regularly held as heretofore in the house.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been examined and audited.

The expenditures of the School during the year ending with the last winter Term have been $13,754 51.

The income from the School Fund has been $6,595 20—and from board and tuition of Scholars and other sources $6,912 72. Total income, $13,507 92, being less than the expenditures by the sum of $246 59.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the winter Term may be stated at $262 18, being $246 59 less than the balance in hand last year—that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income.

According to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting last year, the Committee proceeded to ascertain, as near as might be, the actual expense incurred for the board and tuition of a scholar at the School, and found the same to be $66 per Term, and that sum, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been charged the last Term for children members of other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee apprehend that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting is one which it may be well to review, and they think the present a suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting. They therefore believe it right, instead of proposing the terms for board and tuition the coming year, as has been heretofore usually done, to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We believe usefulness to the School would arise from the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education attending each of the semi-annual examinations at the School, and would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be recommended.

We desire to impress upon the minds of Friends the importance, in our view, of children remaining through the Term they enter for, and being present at the examination at its close. Much discouragement to the care takers at the School and to the Committee, has resulted from scholars leaving previous to such examinations, and we believe a serious loss has also often resulted to the scholars who have thus left, as well as inconvenience to those who remain.

The subject of the training of the youthful members of our religious Society as it has ever been among the most important and interesting concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be of deep interest to the well being both of its objects and of the Society at large. There is both truth and instruction in the testimony of Scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We trust the interest of friends on this subject has not abated, and we feel encouraged to believe that the School has, under the Divine blessing, served to promote the object of a guarded and religious education, and we may express the desire that with the continued care of Friends, it may still be useful to the same end.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*
Newport, 6th mo. 15th, 1850."

The Committee to which was referred the Report of the School Committee, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the Report of the School Committee and any other subjects connected with the interests of the School, have had the same under consideration, and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting—that the price for board and tuition in the School the present year, commencing with the now current term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, be restored to the price formerly charged, viz: fifty dollars per Term.

That the price of Board and Tuition for children, members of our Yearly Meeting, for the ensuing year, be Thirty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members, be Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five dollars per term additional charge, being made in all cases for instruction in the languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their meetings in the 9th and 3d months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any other information regarding them which may aid the School Committee—and the children to be received are to be selected by that Committee. The conditions of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the Schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

On behalf of the Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE.
Newport, Sixth Mo. 20th, 1850."

—which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward it with the Report of the School Committee to our subordinate Meetings.

In the account from Smithfield we are informed that Benjamin Wheeler wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent of Uxbridge Monthly Meeting—whereupon we appoint Edward Earle of Worcester to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from Indiana, we are informed that "the following friends are appointed correspondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

Ashley Johnson for West Union Monthly Meeting in White Lick Quarter—address Monrovia, Morgan Co., Indiana.

Samuel P. Haviland for Greenwich Monthly Meeting in Alum Creek Quarter—address Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.

Micajah Johnson for Miami Monthly Meeting, Miami Quarter, in the place of James Smith deceased—address Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.

Change the address of Eleazer Hiatt for Chester Monthly Meeting, White Water Quarter, to Chester, Wayne Co. Ind'a."

Extracted from the Minutes.
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

the same Monthly Meeting; their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing endorsements on their certificates conformable to this minute.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second, and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

A satisfactory Report from the Boarding School Committee, and the London printed Epistle of last year; containing much salutary counsel, have been read to our comfort and edification.

The business of this meeting being closed, we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th month next, at Sandwich.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 3rd of 10th month, 1850.

By accounts recieved from our respective Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich, Susan H. Dotrige, Hannah Sears, Elizabeth Gifford, and Ruth H. Baker from Pembroke; Edy R. Little, and Beulah W. Rogers. from Dartmouth, Mary Gifford, Sarah Potter, and Hannah Slade, from Westport, Mary G. Macomber, and Phebe Slade. from Nantucket, Phebe Bunker, Sarah M. Easton and Mary S. Wing. from New Bedford, Betsey Kelley, Hannah Leonard, Lydia T. Howland, and Grace Davis. who being called are all present.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second, and tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our friend Nathan Douglass attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting; also Eli Jones with a minute of unity from Falmouth Monthly Meeting, which with their company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us; and the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing endorsements on their certificates conformable to this minute.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read at this time, and were satisfactory. The business of this meeting being closed we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 5th of 12th month 1850

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings, the Representatives to this meeting are from Sandwich [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Potter, and Lydia N. Holway from Falmouth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Potter Louisa Lawrence & Elizabeth Slade, from Westport Deborah [illegible] Wood [illegible] Wood & Martha [illegible] Davis from Nantucket Lydia B. Mitchell and Anna Swain from New Bedford, Grace Davis Sarah H. Anthony, Deborah B. Wood and Anna [illegible] [illegible] who being called are present except three for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given.

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers to the 1st second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting with which her company and religious services have been truly acceptable, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing an endorsement on her certificate conformable to this minute.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] a certificate from the [illegible] Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London the 23rd of 5th month 1850 on behalf of our beloved friend Susan Howland, certifying that her labors of lov in the Gospel had been acceptable and edifying, and tha her conduct and conversation among them was marked in watchfulness and love.

Transcripts of acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Women Friends held in London, Ohio and Indiana have been read at this time.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclu purposing to meet again if permitted in 4th month next at New Bedford.

4th mo/51 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women frien held at New Bedford 3rd, of 4th Month 1851.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Elizabeth Dillingham, Ruth H. Baker & Lydia H. Irving from Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Edy R. Little from Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Hannah Slade & Mary Gifford from Westpo Lydia C. Earl, Mary Gifford & Phebe Slade from Nantucket Lydia Hussey, Lydia C. Mitchell & Lydia B. Crocker from New Bedford Deborah Taber, Betsey P. Wood, Lydia Congdon & Rebecca Thornton. who being called are all present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been given.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, and Sarah H. Anthony & Beulah W. Rodge being proposed, it was united with and they are accordingly appoin-ed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been compiled, and with an account to the Yearly Meetin is to be forwarded thereto by our representatives Huldah Gifford, Rhoda Howland, Mary Shepherd, Phebe R. Gifford, Rachel S. Howland, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia C. Mitchell, Betsey P. Wood, Sarah Tucker, and Deborah C. Gifford

Our beloved friend Benjamin Seebohm attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held 3rd mo 13th endorsed by York Quarterly Meeting held the 25th a

4th mo 1851 26th of 3rd mo. and one from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London by adjournments on the 18th 19th & 30th of 5th mo 1846

Our beloved friend Robert Linsay (Companion to Benjamin Seebohm) has also been with us at this time with a certificate from Brighouse Monthly Meeting held 18th of 9th month endorsed by York Quarterly Meeting in 9th month, and one from the meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 12 of the 10th mo. 1846. The company & gospel labors of these our dear friends have been truly acceptable and edifying to us

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public appearances in the ministry of Mercy H Wing & Elizabeth Dillingham. Men's meeting concurring therein.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude (proposing to meet again if permitted) in 7th mo next at Falmouth. Sarah H Anthony Clerk

7th mo/51 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Falmouth 3rd of 7th mo 1851.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Betsey Akin, Mercy H Wing, and Elizabeth Swift from Pembroke Edy R. Little & Beulah W. Rogers, from Dartmouth Huldah Gifford, Phebe R Gifford, Virtue R Potter & Mary Ann Frances, from Westport Barbara Gifford & Elizabeth Austin— from Nantucket Maria Coleman, Sarah M Easton and Mary G Wing— from New Bedford Dorcas F. Tucker, Rhoda Howland, Betsey P Wood and Phebe Swift. Who are present except three— for the absence of two satisfactory reasons are given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that, they attended agreeably to appointment with the exception of two, for whose nonattendance satisfactory reasons were given.

7th mo/51 The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second, and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends Daniel Wood from Alum Creek Monthly & Quarterly Meeting (State of Ohio) James Owen from Honey Creek Monthly & Northern Quarterly Meeting (Indiana) and James Jordan from Amawalk Monthly Meeting (State of New York) attended this meeting producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with their ministry & present religious engagements their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

— The company of our esteemed friend Jonathan Butler (companion to James Owen) with a minute of unity from Honey Creek Monthly Meeting has also been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf.

We have again gratefully to acknowledge the acceptable company of our beloved friends Benjamin Seebohm and Robert Linsay from Great Britain — whose certificates were read at our last Quarterly Meeting — their labors of love have been truly edifying and encouraging to us.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women friends have been read and are acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time rested with weight on her mind — to attend in Gospel love the Yearly Meetings of Ohio, Indiana, and Baltimore, and some of the meetings belonging to each, also to appoint some meetings among friends and others, on the way going and returning as expressed in her certificate of unity from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting — which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was feelingly united with and she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct being a minister in unity with us. And the Clerk is directed

7th mo. 1851. to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on her certificate embracing the substance of this minute

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding-School committee, and a regulation of discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers & Elders (as adopted by that meeting) have been read and are satisfactory to us they are as follows.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 11th mo. next at Sandwich.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

At our Yearly Meeting of FRIENDS for New-England, held on Rhode-Island in the sixth mo. 1851.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings—

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and a committee was appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment on the propositions contained therein to a future sitting.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1851.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report—that they have given attention to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee at large and by Sub-Committees for the supervision of the School and its various concerns.

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according to their ability to promote in the Institution a religious, guarded education, consistent with our religious profession.

The School during the year has been under the charge of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents.—Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens have served as Teachers through the year, in the male department, with the addition of John Henry Crossman during the Winter Term. In the female department we have had the services of Anna B. Page and Anna Inman during the Summer Term, and of the latter with Deborah Holway and Mary W. Hawkes during the Winter Term. Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as Teacher of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both Schools during the year. Instruction in the Latin and Greek Languages has been given by George Peirce for both terms, and in the French Language during the Winter Term by Louise Parrot, a native French Teacher.

The average number of scholars has been ninety-two, viz., forty-eight males and forty-four females.

During the Summer Term, the health of the family was generally good. In the Winter Term the measles prevailed to a great extent among the scholars, there having been forty-six cases among one hundred and twenty-one scholars in the School at the time.

It was cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated in recovery to health, except one. Mary Smith, daughter of Moses Smith, of Dartmouth, an interesting young woman, of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment, was removed by death. She took the disease while laboring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of the 21st of First month, being a few days over 18 years of age.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the Winter Term have been $13,413 12.

The Income received from the School Fund has been $7,495—and from board, tuition, and other sources, $6,137 77. Total income, including balance of last year, $13,632 77;—leaving unexpended in the Superintendent's hands $219 65, an amount about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850. Beside the above expenditures, the sum of $529 50 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of scientific Books, from funds specially appropriated to those objects.

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year, viz.: for members of our Yearly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term—for members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five Dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the Ninth and Third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the Fund, and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

The subject of the continuance of holding meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, has been several times, during the year, solidly considered by the Committee; and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein, of the Committee for the superintendence of the School the coming year, being authorized, as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the scholars and family of the Meetings for worship in Providence.

In conclusion, we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the continued usefulness of this School, and for the religious concern cherished, we trust, by Friends, that under the blessing of Divine Providence, the School may be increasingly useful in fostering in the minds of our young Friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued and increasing solicitude, that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world—that the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly obeyed amongst us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*
Providence, 6th month 3d, 1851.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed a regulation of Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, (the subject having been referred to that Meeting by this Meeting last year,) it claimed our solid consideration, and was referred for further deliberation to our next sitting.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, made the following Report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee of men and women Friends appointed to consider the subject of authorizing the Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, to discontinue as way may open for it, the meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, and to provide for them to attend meetings for worship in Providence—Report: That they have taken the subject into solid consideration, and they would recommend that the proposition in the Report of the Boarding School Committee in relation thereto, be adopted by the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,
ESTES NEWHALL,
RUTH H. BAKER.
Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851."

—which is satisfactory, and the Report of the School Committee is adopted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies of it to our subordinate Meetings.

The proposition of a regulation of Discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, being now again brought before us, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with by this Meeting, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, is adopted and established as Discipline—and the Clerk is directed to have it printed in suitable form and furnished to subordinate meetings, to be by them inserted in the Book of Discipline, and to go into effect when the meetings shall have received a copy of the same. It is as follows:—

"Instead of the paragraph commencing on the 78th page with the words "As these are officers, &c." and ending on the 79th page with the words "case of Elders," in the edition of the printed discipline of 1849.—the following paragraphs are to be substituted, viz.:

In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed—Whenever it shall appear on solid consideration to any Monthly Meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in such Monthly Meeting is right and proper, the Monthly Meeting are to appoint a Committee to consider of a suitable friend or friends rightly qualified for that station. The Monthly meeting both of men and women uniting therein. When said Committee are united in judgment, that any friend is rightly qualified for such station, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join with them in considering the subject, without communicating the name or names of the friends proposed. The Quarterly Meeting shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's meeting uniting therein; and if the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting so appointed shall advise thereto, the Committee of the Monthly Meeting shall propose such friend or friends to their Monthly Meeting; and after the Monthly Meeting have approved such, adjudging them duly anointed and qualified for that service, as they are officers of the church at large, let them acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who after waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and the friend or friends so appointed, may then sit in any of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders. Information of such appointments is to be given by the Quarterly to the select Quarterly Meetings, and by each of the Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting, and the names of the friends appointed are to be entered on the minutes of the select Quarterly Meetings, and on the Yearly Meeting's records.

And where any friend appears in public ministry, whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the Elders of the Monthly Meeting he or she belongs to, (or in case the Quarterly Meeting shall have joined the select members of two or more Monthly Meetings into one Meeting, then the Elders of such Meeting,) are convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, after duly waiting for due proof thereof, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to unite with them in considering the same, who shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's Meeting uniting therein, and if said Committee of the Quarterly Meeting shall advise thereto, the Elders of the Monthly Meeting or of the Select Meeting to which the select members of such Monthly Meeting may belong, shall signify their unity with the gift of such friend in the ministry to the Monthly Meeting, who after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same be entered and sent forward, in like manner as in the case of Elders."

From the Minutes of the Meeting,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

our youthful friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued and increasing solicitude, that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world—that the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly observed amongst us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

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Providence, 6th month 3d, 1851.

"The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed a regulation of Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, (the subject having been referred to that Meeting by this Meeting last year,) it claimed our solid consideration, and was referred for further attention to our [illegible]

"The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, made the following Report, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

"The Committee of men and women Friends appointed to consider the subject of authorizing the Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, to discontinue as way may open for it, the meetings for worship for the scholars and inmates in the house, and to provide for them to attend meetings for worship in Providence—Report: That they have taken the subject into solid consideration, and they would recommend that the proposition in the Report of the Boarding School Committee in relation thereto, be adopted by the Yearly Meeting. On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH H. HAZARD.

Newport, 6th mo. 13th, 1851."

—which is satisfactory, and the Report of the School Committee is adopted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies of it to our subordinate Meetings.

The proposition of a regulation of Discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, being now again brought before us, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with by this Meeting, and with the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, is adopted and established as Discipline—and the Clerk is directed to have it printed in suitable form and furnished to subordinate meetings, to be by them inserted in the Book of Discipline, and to go into effect when the meetings shall have received a copy of the same. It is as follows:—

"Instead of the paragraph commencing on the 78th page with the words "It is the care, &c." and ending on the 79th page with the words "case of Elders," in the edition of the printed discipline of 1849,—the following paragraphs are to be [illegible]

In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed.—Whenever it shall appear on solid consideration to any Monthly Meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in such Monthly Meeting is right and proper, the Monthly Meeting are to appoint a Committee to consider of a suitable friend or friends rightly qualified for that station. The Monthly meeting both of men and women uniting therein. When said Committee are united in judgment that any friend is rightly qualified for such station, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join with them in considering the subject, without communicating the name or names of the friends proposed. The Quarterly Meeting shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's meetings uniting therein; and if the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting so appointed shall advise thereto, the Committee of the Monthly Meeting shall propose such friend or friends to their Monthly Meeting; and after the Monthly Meeting have approved such, adjudging them duly anointed and qualified for that service, as they are officers of the church at large, let them acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who after waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and the friend or friends so appointed, may then sit in any of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders. Information of such appointments is to be given by the Quarterly to the select Quarterly Meetings, and by each of the Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting, and the names of the friends appointed are to be entered on the minutes of the select Quarterly Meetings, and on the Yearly Meeting's records.

And where any friend appears in public ministry, whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the Elders of the Monthly Meeting he or she belongs to, (or in case the Quarterly Meeting shall have joined the select members of two or more Monthly Meetings into one Meeting, [illegible] ing,) are convinced that the Lord

[illegible] 1851.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings—

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and a committee was appointed to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment on the propositions [illegible]

the Yearly [illegible] of Friends for New-England, [illegible]

The Committee [illegible] the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report—that they have given attention to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee at large and by Sub-Committees for the supervision of the School and its various concerns.

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and importance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according to their ability to promote in the Institution a religiously guarded education, consistent with our religious profession.

The School during the year has been under the charge of [illegible] friends Silas and Sarah M. Gorell as Superintendents.—[illegible] Atherton and Moses G. Stevens have served as Teachers through the year, in the male department, with the assistance of John Henry Chase during the Winter Term. In the female department we have had the services of Anna B. [illegible] Anna Emma during the Summer Term, and of [illegible] Deborah Holway and Mary W. Hovey during the Winter [illegible]. Elizabeth Prosser has also been engaged as Teacher [illegible]ing, and has had the care of some of the younger [illegible] in both Schools during the year. Instruction in the [illegible] and Greek Languages has been given by George Peirce [illegible] terms, and in the French language during the Winter [illegible] by Louise Parrot, a native French Teacher.

The average number of scholars has been ninety-two, viz.: [illegible] males and forty-four females.

[illegible]

In the Winter Term the measles prevailed to a [illegible] among the scholars, there having been forty-six [illegible] one hundred and twenty-one scholars in the School [illegible]

[illegible] cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated [illegible] recovery to health, except one. Mary Smith, daughter of [illegible] Smith, of Dartmouth, an interesting young woman, of [illegible] disposition and very exemplary deportment, was re[illegible]

[illegible] bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase [illegible]. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being [illegible] her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed [illegible] the evening of the 21st of First month, being a few [illegible] 18 years of age.

[illegible] accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the [illegible] Fund have been audited.

[illegible] expenditures of the School for the year ending with the [illegible] Term have been $13,113 12.

[illegible] Income received from the School Fund has been [illegible] and from board, tuition, and other sources, $6,137 77. [illegible] income, including balance of last year, $13,672 17;—[illegible] unexpended in the Superintendent's hands $219 65 [illegible] about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850. [illegible] above expenditures, the sum of $529 30 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the [illegible] of scientific Books, from funds specially appropriated [illegible]

[illegible] would propose that the terms for board and tuition the [illegible] year, should remain as last year, viz.: for members of [illegible]ly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term—for members of [illegible] Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members [illegible] Yearly Meeting, Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that [illegible] be charged for any others who may be admitted. [illegible] per Term additional charge being made in all [illegible] for instruction in the Languages.

[illegible] at the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for [illegible] board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the in[illegible]e of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the Ninth [illegible] Third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit [illegible] Fund, and any information regarding them which may [illegible] School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest [illegible] principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words [illegible] donor, "For the schooling of such members of the Society, [illegible] or not as such by the re[illegible]

[illegible] antages

10 mo/51 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 2nd of 10th month 1851.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting Viz. from Sandwich Mary W Swift, Deborah Boyce, Susan H Dotridge & Rhoda G Ewing — from Pembroke Edy R. Little & Beulah W Rodgers — from Dartmouth Nancy S Potter, Virtue R. Potter, Sarah Potter & Martha Lawrence, — from Westport Anna Macomber & Martha G Davis. — from Nantucket Phebe Bunker, Lydia W Mitchell & Lydia B Crocker, — from New Bedford Sophia Ricketson, Lydia Congdon, Elizabeth Macomber, and Grace Davis, who being called are all present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth; from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend James McLaughlin attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute from China Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry & present religious engagement — his company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable. Our esteemed friend Joseph Taber (companion to James McLaughlin) has also been with us at this time with a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting (State of Maine) his company has been acceptable to us. And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens meeting in furnishing them with minutes expressive of the sense of this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women friends held in London, Dublin, and New York have been read and are acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this Meeting a prospect which had for some length of time accompanied his mind, of attending the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore, and some of the meetings within the limits of Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meetings going and returning, and if way should open for it to appoint a few meetings within the limits of Baltimore & New York Yearly Meetings among those not of our Society as expressed in his minute of unity from Sandwich Monthly Meeting — which concern claiming the solid consideration of this Meeting was united with and he left at liberty to proceed therein as best

10th mo 1851 Wisdom may direct being a minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing an endorsement on his minute expressive of the unity of this meeting.

The Elders of Sandwich & Pembroke Select preparative meeting having requested of this meeting the appointment of a committee to unite with them in considering of a case which has come under their notice agreable to the late regulation of our discipline - In compliance therewith we appoint our friends Grace Davis, Ruth Davis, Susan Howland, Betsey P Wood & Lydia Congdon to unite with a committee of the men's meeting for that purpose.

The business of this meeting being accomplished under a reverent feeling of thankfulness we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th mo. next at New Bedford.

Sarah H Anthony Clk

12th mo/51 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at New Bedford 12th Mo. 4th 1851.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz from Sandwich Rebecca Ann Gifford, Abigail Crowell, & Susan H Dotridge - from Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Beulah W Rogers - from Dartmouth Mary Ann Frances, Sarah Tucker & Huldah Gifford - from Westport Phebe Slade, Lydia C Earl & Elizabeth Austin from Nantucket Lydia B Mitchell, Lydia B Crocker & Lydia Hussey - from New Bedford Betsey P. Wood, Dolly Bradford Elizabeth Swift & Rhoda Howland. Who being called are all present except three and satisfactory reasons assigned for their absence.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

A copy of a minute of our last Yearly Meeting containing the appointment of a joint committee to visit subordinate meetings, families & individuals as way may open for in the Truth has been read - some of its members being acceptably in attendance of this meeting.

12 mo 51 Our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned at this time the minute granted him in 11th month last with copies of minutes from Baltimore Yearly Meeting & Fairfax Quarterly Meeting expressive of his company and religious services having been acceptable_ which with the account he has rendered of his visit is satisfactory to us.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford returned the minute furnished her by this meeting in 7th month last with a satisfactory account of the accomplishment of the service for which she was then liberated. accompanied with minutes from Springfield Monthly & Quarterly Meetings,- and Gilead Monthly Meeting (Ohio) also from Indiana & Baltimore Yearly meetings and Baltimore Quarterly Meeting all expressive of her company and religious services having been acceptable to friends of those meetings.

The joint committee appointed at our last Quarterly by request of the Elders of Sandwich & Pembroke Select preparative Meeting made the following report.viz-

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to advise with the Elders of Sandwich & Pembroke Select preparative Meeting report that they have attended to their appointment and have imparted such advice as way has opened for and the circumstances of the case seemed to require_ On behalf of the Committee_ Thomas Wood

Heman Crocker

New Bedford Wm. P. Howland

12 mo. 4th 1851. Lydia Congdon

Which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Transcript of an epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting of women friends has been & was acceptable to us

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished- we conclude- to meet again (if permitted) in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony-Clerk-

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 4th Month 1st 1852.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz. from Sandwich Betsey Akin, Mercy K. Irving and Elizabeth Gifford_ Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Beulah [illegible] Rogers_ Dartmouth Anna Ewing

4 Mo 1852. Mary Tucker & Charlotte Lawrence - Westport Mary Macomber Lydia C. Carr - Nantucket Lydia C. Mitchell and Eliza B. Swift - New Bedford Rhoda S. Gifford, Betsey P. Wood, Elizabeth J. Miller and Rachel S. Howland who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Sarah H. Anthony is reappointed Clerk and Beulah W. Rogers assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

The queries have been read with the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been compiled, and with an account to the ~~Quarterly~~ Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded thereto by our representatives Mary H. Wing, Ruth Davis, Phebe R. Gifford, Beulah W. Rogers, Lydia C. Mitchell, Sarah H. Anthony, Barbara Gifford, Betsey P. Wood & Elizabeth C. Wing.

This meeting in concurrence with the men's unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the gift in the ministry of Presbury Wing.

Our beloved friend Jared Patterson attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting his company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us - And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing him with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished - we conclude - to meet again if permitted in 7th month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H. Anthony - Clerk.

7th Mo 1852 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Falmouth 1st. of 7th Month 1852.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth Swift and Sarah Hoxie - Pembroke Maria Brown & Beulah W. Rogers - Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Eliza Wing - Sarah Tucker. Westport Mary A. Gifford, Eunice Gifford & Mary Macomber. Nantucket Lydia B. Mitchell & Charity Dillingham - New Bedford Lydia Congdon, Abigail Davis, Mary D. Taber & Hannah T. Taber. All present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

Our beloved friends Martha Meader from Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire, and Edith Griffith of Westland Monthly & Red Stone Quarterly Meetings Pennsylvania attended this meeting with satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company & gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Lydia H. Stanley attended this Meeting as companion to our friend Edith Griffith with a minute of unity from Redstone Mo. Meeting Penn. her company has also been acceptable.

The representatives to the Yearly-Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of women friends have been read and were acceptable to us.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon Met near the 4th hour.

Representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends Daniel Barker of Holly-Spring Monthly & Southern Quarterly Meetings North Carolina. Charles Taber of Farnham Monthly Meeting and Lindley M. Hoag of Sandwich Mo. Meeting New Hampshire attended this meeting certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagements. Their company and religious services have been very acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends [illegible] Newlin of [illegible] Monthly Meeting North Carolina (companion to Daniel Barker) Jesse Kenworthy of Westland Monthly Meeting Penn. (companion to Edith Griffith) Oliver Meader of Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire (companion to Martha Meader) & Paul Southwick from [illegible] Monthly Meeting (companion to Charles Taber) have been in attendance of this meeting presenting satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings their company has been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing

7th mo. 52 the friends now in attendance of this meeting with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf.

We have received and read at this time Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing an interesting report of the Boarding-School Committee & recommendation that greater care be taken in our Monthly & preparative Meetings, in recording births, deaths, and burials — an alteration of discipline whereby the article in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity is rescinded — and another relative to burial grounds — which are all satisfactory to this Meeting.

A committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting presented the following request viz.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

A committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting to consider of a friend or friends qualified for the station of Elders requests the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to join with them in considering the subject.

On behalf of said Committee

Ruth Anthony
New Bedford 7th mo 26th 1852. Susan Howland

In compliance therewith we appoint our friends Ruth H Baker, Huldah Gifford, Mercy K. Irving, Rachel Swain, Beulah W. Rogers, Phebe R Gifford and Lydia C Earl to unite with a committee of the men's meeting for the purpose therein stated.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished, — under a solemnizing sense of Divine regard — we conclude — purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th Mo. next at Sandwich.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, ld on Rhode-Island in the sixth month, 1852.

the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings—

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee is proved and adopted and the Clerk is directed to forward pies of it to our several subordinate meetings.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee for the superintendence of the Yearly Meetg Boarding School at Providence, report, that the objects of eir appointment have received their attention. Meetings of e Committee have been held at the school-house monthly, d the schools have been visited in the intervals of these eetings by members of the Committee deputed to that service. he semi-annual examinations at the close of each term have so been attended by the Committee.

The deportment of the scholars, with few exceptions, has een orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisctory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a ommendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by e advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the ommittee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughess in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an Engsh education—correct reading, spelling, and writing a good and; while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek nd French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly aught.

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious rinciples and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by chool education, has been considered important, and its acquiition has been an object of concern and attention in the school; nd much labor has, from time to time, been bestowed to pronote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in elation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, evised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished o each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several Monthly Meetings; and it is very desirable and important that Committees of Monthly Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.

The proposition of the School Committee to our last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the school-house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting 7th month, 1st, and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should after that time, until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children, and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle, according to their several capacities, in religious concern, in a meeting for worship composed of many Friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.

During the last summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the school-house, and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of the school-house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the prosperity and good of the Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school.

At our meeting in the second month the Committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the health and comfort of the family require: and it proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that at the present time it might be interesting and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a school for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as manifested by a reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official informatian was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year, 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to "the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promoting of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the design and importance of the subject"—"and that it become the care of Friends in future, in all the Meetings, to promote, annually, subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions unnecessary."

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends, in common with others, were laboring under many difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then exeisting between this country and Great Britain. Nevertheless, in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatsoever things were civil and useful in the creation."

This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely of the income of property in its possession. A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R. I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11th month, 1784.

A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teacher and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say—"Besides the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for re-opening the school was frequently revived in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

"Providence, 4th of 5th mo. 1814.

To the Meeting for Sufferings:

Dear Friends—As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School has been renewedly brought under my consideration. And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of truth, I have, for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about forty-three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon: provided the Meeting should consider it an eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however in this or any other way that appears than before, which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month 1815, it was concluded after mature deliberation, "that the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommodation of the Boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend Moses Brown."

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed according to their ability to promote an object which they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious society, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly furnished, the school was opened the 1st of 1st month, 1819.

While many might be enumerated who gave liberally towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by means of the income of which more than one half of the expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and Abraham Shearman, Jr.

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among a limited number of Friends have been several times made for specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings, the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we believe much usefulness has been derived to the school.

There are now many improvements and repairs proposed—all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.

If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a subscription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this institution—and however small may be the contribution, that some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who, according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution, alike intended for the benefit of all—and the usefulness of which has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding generations.

We have had during the past year in the school, the services of our friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents,—Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boys' school, with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term.

Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged as teachers in the girls' school, assisted during the winter term by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given during the summer term by George Pierce and the winter term by Charles F. Brownell.

Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as Teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the younger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has also been given in the French language.

The average number of scholars has been 89, viz: 48 males and 41 females.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the winter term, have been—

By Superintendent, - -	$15,168 30	
Interest and insurance paid by Treasurer,	159 17	
		$15,327 47
The income from the School Fund,	$6,838 51	
Balance in Treasurer's hands last year,	178 81	
Hired of Manufacturers' Bank, -	2,500 00	
Advanced by the Treasurer, - -	51 85	
		9,569 17
From Board, Tuition and other sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year,		6,034 95
		$15,604 12
Leaving unexpended in Superintendents hands,		276 65
		$15,327 47
From income of funds specially appropriated to the purpose, a further sum has been expended on the farm and premises, of		$390 00

We recommend that the terms of last year for board and tuition be continued—books and stationery being charged at actual cost, viz:—for members of our Yearly Meeting thirty dollars per term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, fifty dollars per term, and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted; five dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Latin and Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year for fre board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income o the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to th School Committee in the ninth and third months, the name and ages of such children, within their limits, as they ma think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund and any info mation regarding them which may aid the School Committee and the children to be received, to be selected by that commit tee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of th charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For th schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

We trust the cause of education, and the religious training of the youth of our society are held in unabated estimation by Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust committed to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn responsibility attaches.

This institution for the guarded education of the youth o our society, which has been so much the object of the religious concern and care of Friends, and which has shared so largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will, we trust, continue to be the object of undiminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, 6th month, 1st, 1852.

It appearing that there continues to be manifest deficiency in the recording of births, deaths and burials, this Meeting encourages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends that in each Monthly Meeting there should be an annual appointment not only of a Recorder but of a Committee, selected from each Preparative Meeting, to report births, deaths and burials to the Recorder; and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, made the following Report, viz.:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in recommending that the provision of the discipline which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother, or a deceased wife's sister, should be rescinded.

For the Committee,

BENJAMIN FRY,
MARY SHOVE.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."

Which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the Women's Meeting, that portion of our Discipline upon this subject, revived in 1830, is hereby repealed. The Clerk is directed to give the necessary information to our Subordinate Meetings, and they are requested to expunge the article referred to from our Books of Discipline.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the article of our discipline concerning burials, made the following report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of some alteration in our Discipline relative to Burial Grounds—having given their attention thereto, recommend that the second paragraph on page 12th of our present Book of Discipline be rescinded and the following substituted.

Being very desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the dead, as well as in other respects—it is the advice of this meeting that no monuments be set up in our burial grounds near or over the dead bodies of Friends, or others, except a plain stone not to exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground, on which no inscription shall be made other than the name, date of death and age of the deceased. And it is advised that the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects our testimonies be carefully maintained. And also to see that all burial grounds be properly enclosed.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN OSBORNE.

Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1852".

—which being solidly considered, it is united with, and the article of our Discipline on the subject of Burials, on the 12th page, beginning with the words "and whereas Friends," and ending with the words "are decently enclosed," is, with the unity of the Women's Meeting, hereby repealed, and the paragraph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor; and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our several subordinate meetings, and they are requested to cause the same to be inserted in our Books of Discipline.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Sandwich the 7th of 10th Month 1852.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly meetings the friends therein named as representatives to this meeting are as follows viz. From Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Hepsibeth W. Swift & Abigail W. Holway. Pembroke Mary Stephens & Beulah W. Rogers. Westport Barbara Gifford & Phebe Slade, Dartmouth Nancy T. Potter, Sarah Tucker and Charlotte Lawrence. Nantucket Lydia Hosier & Mary S. Wing. New Bedford Betsy S. Wood, Ann H. Dunbar, Phebe Swift & Rachel S. Howland who are present except three for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been given.

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute from Durham Monthly Meeting which with his company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joshua Douglass attended this meeting as companion to our friend Thomas Jones with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting his company has been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing them with copies of the above minutes.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our monthly Meetings.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting by request of New Bedford Monthly Meeting inform that they have met that Committee and given such advice as the case seemed to require.

This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah Tripp to the Station of an Elder. The men's Meeting uniting therein. It also (in concurrence with the men's meeting) unites with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Penn Howland & William C. Taber to the same Station.

The following request from a committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting has been presented at this time Viz.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends

A committee appointed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting to consider of suitable friends, rightly qualified to serve in the station of Elders, having had a case under consideration in which they are united in judgment, request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to advise with them in

11th m/52 in the case. On behalf of the Committee

Joseph Davis

New Bedford 11th mo. [illegible] 1852. Susan Howland

In compliance therewith we appoint our friends Betsey Akins, Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth Gillingham, Elizabeth Swift, Beulah W. Rogers, Huldah Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford and Mary [illegible] to unite with a committee of the mens meeting for the purpose therein stated.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished, we conclude purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th Month next at New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony, Clerk.

12th m 1852 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 2nd of 12th Month 1852.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz, from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Mary Russell, & Elizabeth Swift — Pembroke Mary Brown & Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Elizabeth Slade & Maria B. Smith — Westport Mercy Brownell, Eunice Gifford & Sarah W. Baker. Nantucket Lydia Hussey, Sarah M. Easton & Eliza B. Swift — New Bedford Dolly Bradford, Sarah H. Anthony, Betsey Plummer & Lydia Congdon, who being called are all present except two; for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of [illegible] to the Station of an Elder having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein.

The queries have been read [illegible] answers to the first second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend Timothy C. [illegible] attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from South Kingston Mon. Mg Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry & present religious engagement. his company & religious services have been acceptable to us.

12 mo. 1852 Our [illegible] Thomas [illegible] has also been with us at this time with a satisfactory minute from South Kingston Monthly Meeting his company has been acceptable to us. & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's meeting in signing endorsements on their minutes, conformable to the above.

The Committee appointed at our last Quarterly Meeting by request of New Bedford Monthly Meeting presented the following report viz.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The committee appointed to render such advice as the case seemed to require to a committee of New Bedford Monthly Meeting upon the subject of Elders Report that we have attended to the service, and were united with that committee in the propositions laid before us for our [illegible].

On behalf of the Committee

[illegible]
Ruth H. Baker.

New Bedford 12th Mo. 2nd 1852.

Which is accepted by this meeting

A transcript of an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of women friends has been read to our satisfaction at the present time.

The business [illegible] under a solemnizing sense of Divine regard — we conclude — purposing to meet again [illegible].

Sarah H. [illegible] Clerk

4 mo. 1853. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at New-Bedford 7th of 4th Month 1853.

By accounts received from our respective monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Hepsibah W. Swift, and Susan H. [illegible] — Pembroke Maria Brown & Beulah W. Rogers — Dartmouth Nancy W. Potter, Sarah Tucker & Huldah Gifford — Westport Alice Lawton, Phebe [illegible] and Barbara Gifford — Nantucket Sarah M. Easton Mary [illegible] and Sarah Barker — New Bedford Mary Gifford, Dorcas H. Tucker, Elizabeth Swift, Hannah Tripp & Sylvia G. Howland who are all present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Sarah H. [illegible] was reappointed Clerk & Beulah W. Rogers assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The queries with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read in this — from which a summary has been compiled & with an account to the Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded thereto by our representatives Ruth H. Baker Susan Howland, Anna E. Almy, Sarah M. Easton, Maria Brown Phebe R. Gifford, Nancy W. Potter, Barbara Gifford and Elizabeth Swift

4 mo/53 This meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Betsey P Wood & Sarah H. Anthony to the Station of Elders having the concurrence of the mens meeting therein.

The following request from a committee of Dartmouth monthly meeting was received Viz.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Dear friends

A Committee of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting are united in requesting the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a committee to join them in considering the subject of appointing Elders in said Monthly Meeting. On behalf of the Committee

Isaac R Gifford

Dartmouth 3rd Month 28th 1853. Phebe R Gifford.

In compliance therewith we appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Barbara Gifford, Beulah W Rogers, Susan Howland, Mary Gifford, Elizabeth Tolber, Lydia Hussey and Ruth H Baker to unite with a committee of the men's meeting for the purpose therein named.

A lively and interesting memorial from Westport Monthly Meeting concerning our late beloved friend Anna Macomber has been read at this time & the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude (purposing to meet again if permitted) in 7th Month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

7th mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Falmouth 1st of 7th Month 1853.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting Viz from
Sandwich – Betsey Akin, Mary H Hoxie & Elizabeth Dillingham
Pembroke – Mary Shepherd & Beulah W. Rogers.
Dartmouth – Susan Tucker, Huldah Gifford, and Anna E Almy.
Westport – Mary G Macomber, Phebe Slade & Barbara Gifford.
Nantucket – Rachel Swain, Lydia Hosier & Sarah Barker.
New Bedford – Rhoda G Gifford, Hannah T Taber, Hannah Tripp, and Betsey P Wood; who being called are all present except one and a satisfactory reason assigned for her absence.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1853.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the meeting and read, received its deliberate consideration, was fully united with, the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz:

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee Report: That the school being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required. Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end. The several school rooms, lodging and dining rooms have been much improved and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the centre building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction.

Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution. Some other out buildings have been erected and some altered and better adapted to their intended uses.

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn-house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed. The rebuilding of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary expenditures and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about $2500.

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been	$13,804,96.
The Amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was $3,612, and since then, there have been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund $2732,75—making a total of	6,344,75
Leaving an indebtedness of	$7,460,21

We think it right to mention, that $2000 of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School.

We would propose that $6,500—the sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness.—This sum of $6500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the real estate of the Institution—we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of Friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School Fund during the past

year	$6,936,40
From the Charity Fund	430,00
From the Farm Fund	390,00
From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one Term, including a balance of $286,65 in Superintendent's hands last year	4,915,14
And from other sources	1,388,44
Making a total of	$14,059,98
The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including $489,72 from Treasurer's account have been	$12,555,76
The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is	$544,01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about $2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the $6,500, as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be $1955,99.

In view of the accommodation of the Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each sex were as many as could be well provided for and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the school was reopened, and 150 scholars, viz: 77 males and 73 females have attended most of the time. A few who were admitted, from ill health or other causes, having failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Parmelia C. Varney, Lydia M. Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and Charles F. Brownell as Instructor in Latin and Greek, have acceptably filled the places of Teachers. Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of the health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of matron. Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the school, besides our own members, those connected with our society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will permit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only who, they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term should be $36, for members of our Yearly Meeting; $50, when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and $64 for any others that may be admitted—that $5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing—payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each Term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term—that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term.

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine, how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the winter term—and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month for those wishing to attend the summer term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the eleventh month last viz: "It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the school as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give. We also would remind Friends, that sending pupils for a less time than one term can confer very little benefit upon the scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes. We desire that applications for such admissions may be discouraged.

Early after the opening of the school in the eleventh month, there were several cases of serious indisposition; one of which viz;—that of Joseph H. Crocker, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally after an illness of a little more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term, the scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents and great unsettlement in the school. Many of the scholars were removed by their friends and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the school, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the school house on first day mornings—and that the family and scholars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this school, the guarded, religious education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its present advantages to the increased attention of Friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*

Providence, 5th mo. 31st, 1853."

The following minute was adopted, viz:

"The testimony of our religious society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favored country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and, as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is we trust regarded by Friends as increasingly important.

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connection with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support.

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "one is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

A system thus characterized by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in any degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent—hence no compromises, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just or right.

We repeat—the testimony of the Society of Friends against slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone—with firmness yet with meekness—in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us—with no view to worldly advantage or to please men, but with singleness of purpose as unto God.

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all wise Providence, among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then that we be faithful herein. We are engaged earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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Our beloved friends Anna Thornburg from White River Monthly Meeting Indiana and Mary S Watkins from Goshen Monthly Meeting, State of Ohio attended this meeting with satisfactory Minutes from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagements. Their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends Lydia Hall & Joel Gilbert from Hopewell Monthly Meeting companions to our friend Anna Thornburg. Ruth from Saratoga Mtg ditto. Dixon & John P Wood from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting companions of our friend Mary S Watkins attended this meeting with minutes of unity from each of their Meetings - their company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to us - The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf.

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report that they attended with the exception of two who have rendered satisfactory reasons for their absence.

We adjourn to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon Met near the fourth hour

The representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting unites with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth Slade & Anna E Almy to the Station of Elders - the men's Meeting uniting therewith - It also concurs with men friends in uniting with that Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Almy to the same station.

The committee appointed by this Meeting in 4th month last to confer with a committee from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting upon the subject of Elders report that they have attended to their appointment and rendered such advice as the case seemed to require.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the report of the Boarding School Committee; and an interesting article upon the subject of Slavery have been read & were satisfactory & encourageing to us.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland opened in this Meeting a concern which had for several years impressed her mind & latterly with increasing weight, to attend in Gospel love the Yearly Meetings of Indiana, Baltimore & North Carolina & such of the meetings within

7 Mo 1853. Their limits as way may open for in the Truth - as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting - After a time of solid consideration her concern was fully united with & she encouraged to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct - she being a minister in unity with us. - & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in placing an endorsement on her minute, embracing the substance of this

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women friends, and the London General Epistle of last Year have been read at this time & were interesting & edifying and we desire that the counsel and admonition contained therein may be duly applied & appreciated by us all.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude to meet again if the Lord permit in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk.

At a Quarterly Meeting of ~~Women~~ friends held at Sandwich
10th mo. 6th of 10th Month 1853.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz. from
Sandwich - Ruth H. Baker, Avis Swift & Mary R Wing.
Pembroke - Mary Shepherd and Beulah W Rogers.
Dartmouth - Sarah Tucker, Hannah G. Slocum & Maria B. Smith.
Westport - Ann L Allen, Barbara Gifford & Alice Lawton.
Nantucket - Lydia B. Mitchell and Lydia Hosier.
New Bedford - Deborah Tallman, Elizabeth G Wilber, Deborah Shearman, Phebe Swift and Ruth S Wood - who are all present except two - for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assign'd.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, which with her company & gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us - The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings

Several of the members of a committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to visit subordinate Meetings, families or individuals, are acceptably with us at this time and have

9th Mo/53 presented a copy of the minute of their appointment.

Our beloved friend Semuel Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect which had for some time rested with weight on his mind to attend in Gospel love the Quarterly Meetings of Cornwall, Westbury, Purchase, Nine Partners & Stamford within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting if way should open therefor, and to visit some of the meetings & families within their limits as expressed in a minute furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting — which concern claiming our solid consideration was fully united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct being a minister in unity with us, and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on his minute expressive of the sense of this meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished under a measure of the overshadowing of Divine Love we conclude — proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th mo. next at New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony — Clerk.

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12 mo At a Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 1st of 12th Month 1853.

The representatives from each of our Monthly Meetings are from Sandwich Phebe H. Wing, Louisa B. Gifford and Mary W. Wing.
Pembroke Maria Dixon and Susan Shepherd.
Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth Slade & Abigail H. Kirby.
Westport Mary Macomber, Ann A. Gifford and Lydia T. Case.
Nantucket Mary S. Wing and Lydia C. Mitchell.
New Bedford Ruth S. [illegible], Lydia T. Howland Zoe Kempton and Abigail Davis who being called were all present, except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings to the first, second and tenth.

Our beloved friend [illegible] attended this meeting with a minute [illegible] month [illegible] meeting [illegible] services have been acceptable to us — The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in signing an endorsement on his minute conformable to the above.

Transcripts of Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of women friends of London, Dublin & New York have been read & were acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Semuel Gifford returned the minute furnished him in 10th month last accompanied with copies of minutes from Nine Partners, Cornwall & Purchase Quarterly Meetings expressive of his company and religious services having been acceptable to them which with the account he has rendered of his visit is satisfactory to us.

12 Mo. 1853 The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in 4th Month next at New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

4th mo 1854. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford the 6th of 4th Month 1854.

By accounts received from each of our monthly meetings the representatives named to this meeting are as follows viz.
from Sandwich Elizabeth Swift, Phebe W. Kelley & Susan H. Gottinge.
" Pembroke Maria Brown and Beulah W. Rogers.
" Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Nancy S. Potter and Abigail Gifford.
" Westport Phebe Slade, Alice Lawton and Ann D. Allen.
" Nantucket Sarah M. Easton and Mary S. Wing.
" New Bedford Anna G. Wood, Hannah Bradford, Lydia T. Howland and Ruth S. Wood, who were all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Sarah H. Anthony for Clerk, and Ruth S. Wood for assistant Clerk, which proposition was united with and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved & directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint Susan Howland, Phebe R. Gifford, Phebe W. Kelley, Beulah W. Rogers, Barbara Gifford, Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah M. Easton, Anna E. Almy & Mary S. Wing.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland informed this meeting that she had for a considerable length of time apprehended it to be in the way of her religious duty to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of New York, & visit such of the Meetings & families within its limits as way may open for in the Truth as expressed in her minute of concurrence from New B. Monthly Meeting. Which concern claiming the solid deliberation of this meeting was fully united with & she set at liberty to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks were directed to place an endorsement on her minute containing the substance of this.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished, we conclude, proposing to meet at Falmouth in 7th mo next if permitted in the ordering of Divine Providence.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1854.

The Boarding School Commitee presented their Annual Report, which was satisfactory to this Meeting, and the propositions thereof approvêd, and the Clerk directed to furnish copies of it to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz :

"To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have given attention to the duties of their appointment, during the past year, and according to ability afforded, have endeavored so to direct the affairs of the institution as to render it most conducive to the design of Friends in its establishment.

There were admitted for the Summer Term 114, and for the Winter Term 192 scholars—12 of the latter to supply the places of those who failed to come. Of those admitted, 106 in the Summer and 158 in the Winter Terms, attended the School.

Circumstances no doubt occur, which necessarily prevent a scholar from coming to the school after applying for and obtaining admission, but we desire to impress upon the minds of Friends, the inconvenience and often the loss liable to be sustained, when scholars who apply for and obtain regular admission, and who are included in the number which the school can accommodate, fail to come, and their places remain vacant, to the exclusion of others who are desirous of filling them. Embarrassment has resulted from this cause during the last year, and we consider it quite important that Friends in making their applications for admission of scholars, should bear these considerations in mind.

We have had the acceptable services during the year of Charles Atherton, and Gertrude E. Whittier, as Principals, assisted during the Summer Term by Edward G. Hoag, William H. Varney, Lydia M. Neal and Pamelia C. Varney, and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by Charles H. Parkhurst;—Gertrude E. Whittier also, taught the French Language—and during the Winter Term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and as Teacher of Latin and Greek, by William L. Dean, and of French and German, by Louise Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been Teacher of drawing and needle work through both Terms.

We believe the system of teaching under these instructors, has been thorough, and the government of the school firm and at the same time kind and parental. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has been generally satisfactory, evincing care and industry in both scholars and teachers.

Orderly deportment has generally been observed among the scholars, and a disposition cheerfully to submit to the rules of the school has been shown, with very few exceptions.

The plan adopted of placing the domestic and farming operations of the institution under the care of a Steward and Matron, has been continued in operation during the year, so far as circumstances would permit, and we believe these departments have been conducted as satisfactorily and economically as under any former system.

Attention has been given to promote the improvement of the farm and grounds about the house, and a generous offer by a friend to present the institution with a sufficient number of fruit trees to plant two or three acres of land and to attend to the planting of the same, has been accepted by the Committee, and the trees, as proposed, have been planted the present spring.

The extensive and thorough repairs which were put upon the buildings in 1852, have added very much to the convenience, pleasantness and usefulness of the school. It has been found necessary however to make some considerable alterations and improvements in the apparatus for cooking, in which at the time of the general repair alluded to no alteration was made.

A full supply of pure water in the institution is of great importance, and the attention of the Committee has been given to this subject, and arrangements are made which it is hoped may secure this end.

Meetings for worship have been continued in the school on First Day mornings. These meetings have been frequently attended by members of the Committee. The deportment of the scholars on these occasions has been serious and becoming, and they have at times been seasons of much solemnity. On First Day afternoons, and in the middle of the week, the family attend meeting in Providence. Harmony has, during the year, been preserved among the various branches of the family.

Leave has been granted by the Committee to the trustees of Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund, to take copies of the minutes made by the School Committee, respecting our late beloved friends, Moses Brown, William Almy and Obadiah Brown, with a view to their being printed.

The family has during the year been mostly preserved in health, yet one member has been removed by death. Our esteemed friend, Hannah Allen, who died after a short illness of pneumonia, in the second month last. She bore her sickness with much Christian patience, looking in prayer as we trust to that source from whence alone true consolation and support come. Our friend had acceptably filled the station of matron, and at the time of her last sickness was in the performance of the responsible duties of nurse.

The accounts of the institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears that there has been received:

From the income of the School Fund, -	$6,710 40
From the Charitable Fund, - -	460 00
From the Farm Fund, - -	390 00
From Scholars, for board, tuition, stationery, &c., including $76 21, from sales of some small articles, - - - -	10.316 00
	$17,876 40.
The expenditures of the institution have been:	
By the Treasurer, for fire insurance, -	165 00
Interest on $6,500; borrowed from the Farm Fund, $390 00, and on other indebtedness of the institution, $205 70, - -	595 70
Payments by the Principal for the support of the institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, repairs and improvements, &c.	18,718 79
	$19,479 49
At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the institution was, - -	$1,955 99
By the above statement of the accounts it appears that the income has fallen short of the expenditures, the sum of - -	1,603 09
Increasing the indebtedness, to the sum of	$3,559 08

Beside the indebtedness of $6,500 to the farm fund.

The excess of expenditures may be mainly attributed to the increase in the prices of nearly all articles of consumption, required in the institution.

In view of the above result, it seems not only prudent and proper but absolutely necessary to increase the price of board and tuition. And after much consideration we have concluded to recommend that the charge per Term should be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting—$60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings—and $80 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing.

Payment to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at actual cost.

We add hereto the following extracts from our report of last year, for the information of Friends, viz:—'As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all, in this Yearly Meeting, that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore, in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee, held on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the Winter Term—and on Third day before the first Fifth day in the Third month, for those wishing to attend the Summer Term. Monthly meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the charitable fund, are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the Ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the Winter or succeeding Summer Term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal Teachers.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the Term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal Teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the Term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the Term.'

In conclusion, we believe there is cause for encouragement for Friends still to avail themselves of the means for improvement which the Institution presents, and to continue to watch over and endeavor to promote its interests.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.

Providence, 5th Month, 30th, 1854."

A proposition from Salem Quarterly Meeting in relation to the issuing of advice by this Meeting with regard to obtaining minute information in respect to the observance of the fourth query coming under consideration at this time, by reference from our Minutes of last year, and the subject of it having claimed our serious attention by the reading [illegible] now received to that query, in consequence of a want of sufficiently definite information in regard to the use of spirituous liquors, it is the desire of this Meeting that our subordinate Meetings should in future make in their answers, a definite statement as to the number coming to their knowledge (should there unhappily be any within their limits) who use spirituous liquors, except for medicine, and Friends are reqested to be faithful in the exercise of our Christine Discipline on this subject, and in the answers to all our queries, our Meetings are requested to make them as explicit as is practicable, and the Clerk is directed to furnish our subordinate Meetings with a copy of this minute.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

6 mo. 1854 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Falmouth 6th of 7th Month 1854.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows viz. from
Sandwich Betsey Akin, Deborah Boyce, & Mercy K. Wing.
Pembroke - Mary Shepherd and Ruth Ellis.
Dartmouth - Anna E. Almy, Hannah Slade, Abigail H. Kirby & Phebe R. Gifford.
Westport - Mary Gifford, Martha G. Davis and Rebecca Church.
Nantucket - Eunice Fitch and Mary F. Wing.
New Bedford - Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah Bradford, Lydia Congdon and Sarah H. Anthony - Who being called were all present except two - for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended except one - who informed that she was prevented by indisposition.

Our beloved friend John L. Eddy attended this meeting with a minute from Greenwich Monthly Meeting indorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting (Ohio) expressive of unity with his ministry & present religious engagement his company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Reuben L. Roberts attended this meeting as companion to John L. Eddy with a satisfactory minute from Gilead Monthly Meeting (Ohio) his company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to us.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour

The representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting.

The queries were read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School committee and an article respecting the 4th query of our discipline, recommending that answers in regard to the use of Spirituous liquors, should in future be more definite, have been read — Also Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of women friends. All of which were acceptable & satisfactory to us.

The Clerks were directed to furnish to our friends John L. Eddy & Reuben L. Roberts minutes conformable to those made on their behalf

The business of this meeting being accomplished, we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th mo. next at Sandwich.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

10th Mo. 1854 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Sandwic
the 5th of 10th month 1854.

By accounts received from each of our monthly meetings we are informed that the representatives to this are as follows
from Sandwich – Ruth H. Baker, Hepsa W. Swift & Elizabeth W. Wing.
" Pembroke – Beulah W. Rogers and Susan Shepherd.
" Westport – Alice Lawton, Mary Macomber & Mary G. Macomber.
" Dartmouth – Anna C. Almy, Eliza Wing & Huldah Gifford.
" Nantucket – Sarah M. Easton and Lydia C. Mitchell.
" New Bedford. Susan G. Kempton, Phebe Swift, Eliza C. Davis, and Dolly Bradford – All present, except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The London General Epistle of last year fraught with excellent counsel and much encouragement has been read to our comfort at this time.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude, to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony – Clerk.

12th Month At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 7th of 12th Month 1854.

The representatives from our respective monthly meetings are from Sandwich. Deborah Boyce, Sally Holway & Rhoda G. Wing. Pembroke – Ruth Ellis and Beulah W. Rogers. Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Rhoda Howland & Maria B. Smith. Westport Mary G. Macomber, Lydia C. Earl and Mary A. Gifford. Nantucket Lydia C. Mitchell & Eliza B. Swift. New Bedford Betsey P. Wood; Lydia T. Howland, Hannah H. Howland & Abby Holmes, who being called were all present.

The queries have been read with answers to the first second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends John Paige & Elizabeth Paige attended this meeting with copies of minutes from Weare Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with them as ministers & with their present religious engagements their company and religious labors have been satisfactory to us. but they having a prospect of further service within the limits of this meeting. the furnishing them with returning minutes is

12 mo. 1854 refered to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned the minute furnished her in 4th month last accompanied with a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held the 1st and 5th of 6th month last- also minutes from Scipio, Purchase, Shappaqua, Amawalk, Pelham, Norwich and Spruce Street Monthly Meetings all expressive of her company & religious services having been acceptable to them, which with the account she has rendered of her visit is satisfactory to this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio & Indiana Yearly Meetings of Women friends have been read at this time and were acceptable to us.

The business brought us being accomplished we trust in a measure under the overshadowing of Divine Love we conclude purposing to meet again in 4th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony- Clerk-

4 mo. 1855 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New-Bedford 4th Month. 5th 1855.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from each of our Monthly Meetings are as follows.

from Sandwich- Phebe W. Kelley, Mary Russell and Lydia B. Dillingham.
" Pembroke- Mary Shepherd and Ruth Ann Shepherd
" Dartmouth- Phebe R. Gifford, Abigail Gifford & Huldah Gifford.
" Westport- Esther A. Macomber, Phebe Slade & Lydia C. Earle.
" Nantucket- Sarah M. Easton and Maria Coleman.
" New Bedford- Grace Davis, Mary Gifford, Lydia T. Howland and Sylvia G. Howland. All present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason has been given.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Sarah H. Anthony for Clerk and Ruth S. Wood for assistant- which being united with they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The queries were read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved & directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives, to which service we

4 mo. 1855 appoint our friends Lydia Congdon, Susan G. Kempton; Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah M. Easton, Ruth H. Baker, Mary Shepherd & Alice Sinton.

Transcripts of an acceptable Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Women friends has been read at this time.

Our beloved friends John Paige & Elizabeth Paige attended our Quarterly meeting in 12th mo. last and presented satisfactory minutes from Weare Monthly Meeting expressing the unity of their friends with their ministry & religious engagements, their company & religious services were satisfactory to us, as has also been their labor in the ministry in our subordinate meetings since our last Quarterly Meeting. The Clerks were directed to forward ~~a~~ copy of this minute to Weare Monthly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H. Anthony - Clerk -

7th Month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Falmouth 7th Month 5th 1855.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from each of our Monthly Meetings are as follows viz.

From Sandwich - Rebecca A. Gifford, Rhoda Wing & Mary R. Wing.
" Pembroke - Maria Brown and Susan Shepherd.
" Dartmouth - Hannah Slade, Abigail Gifford & Phebe R. Gifford.
" Westport - Martha Lawrence, Phebe Slade & Esther A. Macomber.
" Nantucket - Rachel Swain and Sarah M. Easton.
" New Bedford - Grace Davis, Betsey P. Wood, Phebe S. Delano, Rachel A. Howland & Lydia Congdon - Present except four for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

Our beloved friends Phebe Bishop of Norwich Monthly meeting & Pelham Quarterly meeting - Canada West - and Isaac Jay of Mississinawa Monthly Meeting & Northern Quarterly Meeting Indiana, attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings - their company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us. Our beloved friend Nathan Douglass has also been with us at this time with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting - State of Maine - his company & religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends William P. Barker with his wife Sarah T. Barker attended this meeting (as companions to Phebe Bishop) with satisfactory minutes from Norwich Monthly Meeting -

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in Rhode Island in the sixth month, 1855.

The Boarding School Committe presented their annual Report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.]

The Committee charged with the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, Report

That the School has been continued in operation during the two terms of the last year. For the Summer term there were admitted one hundred and eighteen, and for the Winter term, one hundred and sixty-three scholars, nearly all of whom attended the school.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whittier have continued to render their acceptable services, as principals, assisted during the Summer term by William H. Varney, Charles A. Smiley, Timothy B. Hussey, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; and during the Winter term, by Timothy B. Hussey, Augustine Jones, Anna McKeel and Parmelia C. Varney; as teacher of Latin by George H. Marston, and of French by Adele Parrot. Elizabeth Prosser has been engaged as teacher of Needle-work and Drawing for both terms.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the school, and members have been deputed at these meetings, for the more immediate care of the schools and family during each month. By these means, we believe a pretty thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Institution and the state of the Schools has been obtained by the Committee, and these have been generally satisfactory.

Harmony has been maintained in the family, and orderly deportment observed with little exception. The progress of the scholars in their various studies has also been generally what could be desired. Meetings for worship on First Day mornings have been held in the school-house as heretofore.

Notwithstanding the extensive repairs and improvements which have, within a few years, been made upon the house and school premises, it has been found necessary during the year past, to make some farther expenditure for these objects. During the last summer a long continued and severe drouth occasioned a short supply of pure water, for which, to a considerable extent, the collection of rain water was depended on. A sufficient supply of this article being deemed indispensible, the Committee did not hesitate to carry out a plan, long contemplated, of bringing by iron pipes, raised by a force pump, the water of the spring situated on the easterly part of the school lands, to the school-house. By this means the school was sufficiently supplied.

Other expenditures, which may be classed under the head of improvements, have also been necessarily provided for, amounting, with the water-works above mentioned, to about forty-five hundred dollars.

We believe that the state of the house and premises is now such, that little expenditure, other than for the ordinary current expenses of the school will be required for some time to come.

The accounts of the Institution have been audited and settled. The receipts have been—

From the income of the School Fund, -	$6,897 74
From the Charitable Fund, - - - - -	431 25
From a Friend at Prince Edward's Island,	50 00
From Scholars, for Board, Tuition, Stationery, &c.,	12,362 30
Total receipts, - - - - - -	$19,741 29

The expenditures have been—

By the Treasurer, for Fire Insurance, - -	$165 00
Tax of 1853, - - - - - - -	200 97
Payment for Board and Tuition of Scholars at the School from the Charitable Fund,	440 00
Interest on $6,500, borrowed from the Farm Fund, and on other indebtedness of the Institution, - - - - - - -	707 95
Expense of copies of papers, - - -	1 50
Payments by the Principal for the Support of the Institution, including salaries, wages, supplies for the family, farm expenses, repairs and improvements, - - - - -	22,943 75
	$24,459 17

At the time of our last report the indebtedness of the Institution, exclusive of the sum borrowed from the Farm Fund was - - - - - - -	$3,559 08
This indebtedness has been increased as will be seen by the preceding statement, during the last year, the sum of - - - - -	4,717 88
Making the present debt - - - -	$8,276 96

The sum of four thousand four hundred and eighty-nine dollars, eighty-seven cents, of the expenditures and consequent increase of indebtednes, above mentioned, has arisen from the disbursements for repairs and improvements, a large part of which were made the previous year, but appear in the above account. Beside which will be found in the account of expenditures the sum of two hundred dollars, ninety-seven cents, for the Tax assessed upon the School premises, in 1853, and of seven hundred and seven dollars, ninety-five cents, for interest on the indebtedness of the Institution, including that paid to the farm fund. The latter charge will of course cease, when means shall be found to discharge this indebtedness. The subject of Taxes, presents a question of much interest to the future financial prospects of the School, and is one to which the close attention of the Committee has been directed.—What the result may be, is not yet decided.

It appears probable from the above statement of the accounts, that exclusive of interest, taxes, and improvements on the premises, the present prices of Board and Tuition would sustain the School.

In their report to the Yearly Meeting, in 1853, the School Committee proposed the appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of lands, north of Olney-street, authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, to the payment of the indebtedness incurred the preceding year, for the extensive repairs and improvements then made, the same to be considered in the light of a loan to the School Funds, the interest of which should be annually expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. This proposition was adopted by the Yearly Meeting; since that time, as well as previously, large expenditures have been made, for the objects to which the income of the above fund was concluded to be appropriated, much exceeding, together, the amount of the principal of the fund. We think it right, therefore, and accordingly propose that the appropriation of this fund shall no longer be considered as an item of indebtedness against the school funds; but that the principal having been expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate, the indebtedness of the school funds therefor shall be discharged.

At our Meeting, held 2d month, 27th, in view of the circumstances of the school, the following minute was adopted, viz.: "The present condition of the Institution, in its several relations and especially its pecuniary situation, coming under consideration at this time, it is the sense of this Committee, after very carefully and seriously weighing the matter, to propose to the Meeting for Sufferings, to vacate the School, from the close of the present term, until the time of our next Yearly Meeting, with a view to the further continuance of the same, if the Yearly Meeting approve; and the Clerk is requested to furnish the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings with a copy of this minute."

At our Meeting, held 4th month, 3d, we received from the Meeting for Sufferings the following minute, viz.:

"At a special meeting of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Providence, 3d month, 9th, 1855, the following communication was at this time received from the Boarding School Committee, (referring to our minute above recited,) and after a time of deliberation thereon, in which this Meeting has endeavored to give the subject that solid consideration which its importance demands, it is concluded to accede to the proposition from the School Committee, and the Clerk is directed to furnish the Committee with a copy of this minute."

"Extracted from the Minutes, Samuel Boyce, Clerk."

In accordance with these conclusions the School is now vacated, and we have agreed with Charles W. Earle, and his wife, Cynthia H. Earle, to give their services as steward and matron, to reside in the house, and have the care and keeping, and the general supervision of the lands, buildings and property belonging to the Institution, of every description; and we have authorized the said Charles W. Earle to hold the custody of the premises and property.

All of which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo., 9th, 1855."

which was referred for consideration, together with the affairs of the School generally, to a Committee who at a subsequent sitting made the the following Report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions made by the School Committee in their Report, and the affairs of the Boarding School generally, have met twice, and after a very free and full interchange of sentiment in rela- to the several matters referred to them, have united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for their adoption, the following propositions, viz:

That the proposal of the School Committee respecting the indebtedness of the School Funds to the fund for the improvement of the real estate, called the farm fund, be approved, and the said indebtedness be discharged.

That the School Committee to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting at this time, be directed to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable, for such opening.

That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable enquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective meetings, and to such as said committees shall approve to give certificates, which certificates shall be required by the School Committee in order for admission.

That the charge per term be $40 for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings and $100 for any others that may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction. either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished as last year, at actual cost. It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

Applications for admission into the School, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, to be made as directed in the report of last year. Address, Superintendant Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

By direction of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, *Clerk.*

Newport, 6th mo. 14, 1855."

which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

th mo 1855.

Our beloved friend Luke Thomas companion to our friend Isaac Gay has also been with us at this time with a minute of unity from New Garden Monthly Meeting Indiana. The company & solid deportment of these dear friends have been satisfactory to us.

The representatives to the yearly meeting report that they attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting of this meeting.

The queries were read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

The annual report of the Boarding School Committee with the report of a committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting to take into consideration the several propositions contained therein has been read & were satisfactory to us ~~[illegible]~~

Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting of women friends and the London General Epistle of last year both containing excellent counsel & instruction have been read to our comfort & encouragement.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner informed this meeting that she had for a considerable length of time felt it to be required of her to attend in Gospel love Ohio Yearly Meeting also to visit some of the meetings & families of friends within its limits if way should open for it in the truth, as expressed in a minute of concurrence from New Bedford Monthly Meeting. After a time of solid consideration her concern was fully united with & she encouraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks were directed to place an endorsement on her minute embracing the substance of this

The Clerk was also directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's meeting in furnishing to those friends now in attendance of this meeting a copy of the minutes made on their behalf as they relate to each respectively.

The business brought before us being accomplished — and having we trust been enabled to feel afresh the extension of Divine love — we conclude purposing to meet again if permitted in 10th mo. next at Sandwich

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

10th mo 1855. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Sandwich 4th of 10th Month 1855.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows

from Sandwich—Hepzibah W. Swift, Betsey Akin & Elizabeth W. Wing.
〃 Pembroke
〃 Dartmouth Anna E. Almy, Abigail H. Kirby & Sarah Tucker.
〃 Westport—Barbara Gifford and Mary A. Gifford.
〃 Nantucket—Rachel Swain and Sarah Barker.
〃 New Bedford Hannah Leonard, Sylvia H. Vose, Lydia Congdon, Phebe Swift & Hannah Tripp. present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Clerks of this meeting being absent Phebe R. Gifford is appointed to serve for the day.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the usual three from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Thomas Jones attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting State of Maine. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

The company of his companion Levi Meader with a minute of concurrence from the same Monthly Meeting is also acceptable. And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing a returning minute embracing the substance of this.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford opened in this meeting a prospect which for some length of time had rested on her mind to attend in Gospel love the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Baltimore & North Carolina. Also to attend some Meetings and appoint some within their limits as Truth might open the way as set forth in the accompanying certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting which claiming the solid consideration of this meeting is united with and she encouraged to pursue her prospect as best wisdom may direct—being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks are directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate embracing the substance of this minute.

Transcripts of Epistles from Dublin & New York Yearly Meetings of Women friends have been read and were acceptable to us.

th mo 1855. This meeting concurs with men friends in acceding to the proposition from Pembroke Monthly Meeting to discontinue the week-day Meeting that occurs on the day of our Quarterly Meeting.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet again in 12th Month next in New-Bedford.

Phebe R. Gifford Clerk for the day

12th Mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford the 6th of 12th Month 1855.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows.

from Sandwich — Mercy H Wing, Phebe W Kelley and Lois B Gifford.
〃 Pembroke — Maria Brown and Ruth Ann Shepherd.
〃 Dartmouth — Mary Ann Francis, Maria B Smith & Huldah Gifford.
〃 Westport — Barbara Gifford, Phebe Slade and Ann D. Allen.
〃 Nantucket — Maria Coleman and Sarah Barker.
〃 New Bedford — Elizabeth Swift, Eliza C Davis, Judith F. Hussey & Hannah Bradford — Present except three, for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons have been given.

Our beloved friends Elizabeth Meader from Providence Monthly Meeting & David Dudley from Litchfield Monthly Meeting attended this Meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings their company & religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taylor (companion to David Dudley) has also been with us at this time with a minute of unity from Sydney Monthly Meeting State of Maine — his company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf as they relate to each respectively.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned the minute furnished her in 7th month last — accompanied by a minute from Ohio Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders — and one from each of the Monthly Meetings of New Garden & Salem expressive of her company & religious services having been acceptable to them — Which with the account she has given of her visit is satisfactory to us.

The business brought before this meeting being accomplished we conclude (proposing to meet again, if permitted) in 4th Month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony — Clerk —

4th mo. 1856.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held 4th Month 3rd. 1856.

By accounts received from our respective monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Abigail Crowell, Sally Holiway & Elizabeth Dillingham — from Pembroke Maria Brown & Ruth Ellis — Dartmouth Maria B. Smith, Sarah Tucker & Eliza Irving — Westport Phebe Slade, Mercy Gifford & Mary G. Macomber — Nantucket Lydia Hussey, Sarah M. Easton & Sarah Barker — New Bedford Mary Gifford, Phebe Swift, Hannah Leonard — Susan B. Kempton & Rachel T. Howland who being called are present except two — for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed & our former Clerk being absent Phebe R. Gifford is appointed Clerk and Maria B. Smith assistant for the day.

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our monthly Meetings a summary of which is approved and directed to be forwarded to our ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint our friends Mary Gifford, Rhoda Howland, Elizabeth Dillingham, Ruth H. Baker, Abigail Davis, Sarah M. Easton, Anna C. Almy and Mary G. Macomber.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gifford returned at this time the minute furnished her in 7th Mo. last together with returning minutes from Baltimore, & North Carolina Yearly Meetings, and the Monthly Meetings of New Garden, and Deep River all expressive of her company and religious services having been acceptable, which with the account she has rendered of her visit is satisfactory to us.

This meeting unites with men friends in acceding to a proposition from Sandwich Monthly Meeting to change the time of holding said Meeting in the 7th and 10th Months from the 11th to the 10th hour of the same day.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland a minister in unity and good esteem with us, in a weighty manner spread before this meeting a prospect that for a length of time had rested on her mind to perform in Gospel love a religious visit to friends of Great Britain & Ireland & if way should open for it to visit those professing with friends in some places on the Continent as set forth in her certificate of unity from New Bedford Monthly Meeting. Which concern claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting was fully & feelingly united with & she left at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing an endorsement on her certificate, expressive of the substance of this minute.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude under an humbling sense of Divine favor purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth.

Phebe R. Gifford — Clerk for the day

7 Mo. 1856 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in Falmouth 3rd of 7th Month 1856

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows.
From Sandwich - Tamzin Gifford, Abigail W Holway & Charity G Moore.
" Pembroke - Mary Shepherd and Ruth Ann Shepherd.
" Dartmouth - Hannah Slade, Abigail H Kirby, Hannah S Slocum & Maria B Smith
" Westport - Rebecca A Church and Mary A Gifford.
" Nantucket - Sarah Barker and Judith Paddock -
" New Bedford - Phebe Swift, Susan H Dotridge, Deborah Tabes, & Dolly Bradford - who being called were present except five for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

Sarah H Anthony and Maria B Smith being proposed for Clerks of this meeting it was united with and they are appointed to that service until 4th Month next.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to their appointment.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of women friends have been read and were acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Rebecca T Updegraff from Short Creek Monthly & Quarterly Meeting Ohio and Ann Kenworthy of White Water Monthly & Quarterly Meeting Ind. attended this Meeting with [illegible] expressive of unity with them as ministers and in their present religious engagements their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon, met at the 4th hour.

The representatives being called were all present the commencement of this sitting.

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friends David Updegraff from Short Creek Monthly Meeting companion to his wife Rebecca T Updegraff and William Kenworthy of White Water Monthly Meeting having attended this meeting [illegible]

[illegible] of the meeting

their company [illegible] appointment [illegible]

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] willing to resign herself to the [illegible] sister Susan Howland [illegible] visit to Great Britain & Ireland & if way [illegible] to some parts of the Continent of Europe as expressed in a certificate [illegible] her by New Bedford Monthly Meeting [illegible] consideration [illegible] her [illegible] and [illegible] as both [illegible] with us. The Clerks [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and at this time [illegible]

[illegible] Select Committee — a recommendation that greater care be taken [illegible] regard to answering the queries — a request that Quarterly Meet-[illegible] of all Ministers & Elders who have deceased during the year with the time of their decease, and ages as far as practicable, and an alteration of discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers & Elders, as adopted by that Meeting. All of which is satisfactory to us.

[illegible] finished we conclude purposing to meet again in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk [illegible]

Yearly Meeting, 1856.

The Boarding School Committee presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to this meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, are continued for another year to unite with a similar Committee of the women's meeting, in the care and superintendence of the School—and they are requested to report to this meeting next year.

The Report is as follows, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given attention to the objects of their appointment and now report—

That the school being vacated at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the Committee were desired, as by minute of the Yearly Meeting, " to look towards the opening of the School at the commencement of the winter term, and to make arrangements, so far as may be practicable for such opening."

In pursuance of this conclusion, the Committee proceeded to consider what arrangements would best promote its objects, and on mature deliberation came to the following results, viz : That it is desirable and expedient in the proposed opening of the school, to provide—That the teaching in the schools shall be provided for by contract at a fixed rate to be hereafter agreed upon, the same to be made satisfactory to the Committee. That it is also further desirable and expedient, that the board of the scholars, should be provided for by contract, at a fixed price, under such regulations as may be established by the Committee, including all the domestic arrangements of the family.

The Committee were enabled to carry out these conclusions, substantially, by a contract entered into with Joseph Cartland, who, with his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents of the School, to furnish the necessary assistant Teachers and the board of the scholars, and to conduct the school in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the Committee, both as to Teachers that are employed by them, and in all other respects, and to pay all expenses that accrue from thus conducting the School.

For the purpose of carrying out this contract it was agreed that they should have the use of the School premises, and that as compensation for the service required by the contract, they should receive the moneys paid for board and tuition of the scholars, have the use and improvement of the farm, and that they should further receive from the income of the School Fund, the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to be paid them semi-annually, one-half at the close of each term.

Under this arrangement, the School was opened for the winter term on Fourth Day, 31st of 10th month last, and one hundred and fifty-seven pupils were then and subsequently admitted, and attended the school for the whole or part of the term; of whom eighty-three were males and seventy-four were females.

The assistant Teachers employed were Timothy B. Hussey, Charles W. Earle, Elizabeth S. Jones, Anna McKeel, Parmelia C. Varney and Sarah E. Whittier, in the English branches; Joseph W. Congdon, Teacher of Greek, Latin, Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Catharine E. Haase, Teacher of French, German, and Needle Work, and Marianna Stanton, Teacher of Drawing.

The various branches taught in the School, are indicated by the above list of Teachers, and they embrace such as are believed to be most useful in fitting the pupils for the varied duties of life.

The Committee have exercised a constant supervision over the Institution in its various departments during the year, and since the opening of the School, have held meetings monthly, with the exception of one month, having sub-committees, appointed at each meeting for its more immediate care.

It is a source of much satisfaction to believe, that the Institution has been conducted in a manner to promote the objects of its establishment—that good order and harmony have generally prevailed, and that the progress of the scholars in their various studies has been satisfactory. Care has been taken to promote a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been held in the school house as heretofore—the scholars at other times attending the meeting of Friends, in Providence. In these meetings the conduct of the scholars has been becoming, and many of them have been seasons of much interest.

The examination at the close of the term, was attended by many of the members of the School Committee, by members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education and other Friends. The exercises of the scholars gave evidence of attention and diligence on their part, and of faithfulness on the part of the Principals and assistant Teachers. There was evidence that much care had been extended to promote the objects of the Institution, in imparting a guarded education, and instilling into the minds of the children, the principles of morality and virtue. The close of the examination, furnished an interesting opportunity with the schools, which was marked by much solemnity, and we trust may be remembered by them in after time.

The health of the scholars has generally been preserved. One death has taken place. George M. Underhill, of New York, a young Friend, who for several terms had been at the school, and who had, by his orderly and exemplary deportment, endeared himself to the officers of the Institution, died very suddenly of malignant sore throat. On this occasion, a religious meeting was held at the school, which was a solemn and favored season. After which the remains were conveyed to his friends.

The following minute was made by the Committee in reference to this event: "This renewed evidence of the uncertainty of time, has clothed our minds with feelings of deep solemnity and awakened increased desires that we may all give diligent heed to the injunction of our blessed Lord and Savior, 'Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh.'"

The accounts of the Institution have been examined and audited. Those relating to the Charitable Fund, stand as follows, viz:

Receipts for the year,	$455 00
Payments, for board and tuition of eight scholars,	320 00
" for due Treasurer from this fund last year,	8 75
Cash in Treasurer's hands at the close of the last term, applicable to the coming term,	126 25
	$455 00

The accounts relating to the general fund stand as follows, viz:

Receipts, from income of School Fund,	$6,454 84
" from sundry small debts collected,	146 10
	$6,600 94

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principals):

By Treasurer to C. W. Earle, while the school was vacated, for his services and for sundry expenditures on the farm, &c.*	$875 94
Insurance, $165. Interest, $228 46.	393 46
Repairs, furniture, &c.	1,485 55
To Joseph Cartland on contract,	1,500 00
	$4,254 95
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	$2,345 99

This sum has been applied towards the payment of the debts of the Institution.

These debts as reported last year were	$8,276 96
Of which there was due from the Charitable Fund, since paid from that fund	8 75
Leaving the debt against the general fund,	8,268 21
From which deduct the above excess of receipts over expenditures the past year,	2,345 99
Leaves the present debt against the general fund	$5,922 22

Under our present arrangements, it will be seen, that provision is made for the gradual payment of the debts of the Institution.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the subject of a course of study, for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, to be continued through a period of four years. This course is not intended to interfere in any degree with the instruction as heretofore given in the school, but to be applicable only to those who may wish to pursue it, and in this view, it has met with the approbation of the Committee.

We would propose that the charge per term of twenty-two weeks, for board and tuition be $40, for members of our Yearly Meeting;—$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our Religious Society, or are sent at the charge of members of our Religious Society;—and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made, for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French, or in Drawing;—Books and Stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

For certain regulations as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times of the admission of scholars, &c., we refer to the accompanying circular, issued by the Committee in the seventh month last.

We commend the Institution to the continued interest and care of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee—
STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*"

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one-half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund are to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In answering the Queries, our subordinate meetings are desired carefully to regard the advice heretofore given to be full and explicit, and the Quarterly Meetings are requested in their annual answers for this Meeting to embrace not only the information received from the Monthly Meetings at the Quarter preceding the Yearly Meeting, but also a definite statement as to the maintenance of our meetings during the year, and that they take care to preserve the answers received at the three previous Quarters, for this purpose.

The Quarterly Meetings are requested annually to communicate to this Meeting the names of all Ministers and Elders who have deceased during the year, with the time of their decease, and ages, as far as practicable. The clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to subordinate meetings.

The following proposition from the Meeting for Sufferings, in relation to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders was weightily considered by this Meeting, and united with, and adopted as the discipline of our Meeting in this respect, (the women's meeting uniting therein,) viz:—

"In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed:—

As these are officers of the Church at large, let the Monthly Meeting, after they have approved such as they adjudge duly anointed and qualified for that service, (the name or names having been introduced either through the preparative meeting of ministers and elders, or by a Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting for that purpose) acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who, after solidly waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and acquaint the select meeting thereof; who are also to enter the appointment on their minutes, and the friends so appointed may then sit in any of our meetings of ministers and elders. Information of such appointment is to be given by the Quarterly Meeting to the Yearly Meeting, and by the Yearly Meeting, through its Clerk, to the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, and their names entered on the respective Records of those meetings.

The following order is to be observed in acknowledging the gift, and approving the public appearances of any Friend in the Ministry.

Where any Friend appears in public ministry whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the preparative meeting for ministers and elders, within the limits of which he or she belongs, is convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, it is then to lay the same before the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, for its consideration, and when said Quarterly Meeting shall have united therein, without any record being made of its judgment, the said preparative meeting may lay the same before the Monthly Meeting, which, after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same shall be recorded and sent forward in like manner as in the case of Elders.

Friends are advised in these proceedings to be weighty in their spirits and careful in their conversation, that no harm come to any from a disclosure before the time of what may be under the consideration of Friends; that all may be kept in the love and unity of the Gospel.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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* As an offset to this expenditure, it may be stated, that of the produce of the farm the past year, there remained on hand, when the school was opened last fall, sundry articles, valued at $1,233 39, which were taken by the Principal to be used in the Institution and for which he is to account.

At [illegible]

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows:
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Pembroke Ruth Anne Shepherd and Ruth Ellis.
[illegible]
[illegible]
Nantucket Sarah M. Easton and Sarah Barker
New Bedford Rhoda Howland, Phebe Russell, Betsey P. Wood & Ruth Davis
[illegible] are all present.

The queries have been read with answers to the first [illegible] tenth from each of our monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend [illegible]
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[illegible] the limits of said Meetings as way may open for in the Truth as [illegible] in a minute furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. [illegible] season of weighty consideration his prospect was fully united [illegible] and he was encouraged to proceed therein as best Wisdom may [illegible] being a minister in Unity with us, The Clerk was directed to [illegible] with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing an endorsement [illegible] of the above minute.

We are informed that it having been [illegible] previous to the departure of our dear friend Lydia Congdon [illegible] Europe that it had not been the practice either of our English [illegible] or as far as known of our society in this country to [illegible] [illegible] panions of friends travelling in the Ministry with endorsements from their Quarterly Meetings, And that on this account she [illegible] that she felt most easy to omit taking the one directed to be prepared for her at our last Quarterly Meeting. And desired it to be returned with her acknowledgment for the sympathy of her friends.

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[illegible]

11th mo. 1856 This meeting in concurrence with the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Station of an Elder.

The ~~London~~ General Epistle from London [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] was truly acceptable to us.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

12th Month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 12th month 4th 1856.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following friends are appointed representatives to this meeting.
from Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Elizabeth Swift & Sally [illegible].
[illegible] and [illegible] B[illegible].
" Dartmouth Elizabeth Slade, Hannah Slade & Sarah [illegible].
" Westport Sarah W Baker & Martha Lawrence.
" Nantucket Lydia Hussey and Lydia Hosier
" New Bedford [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]
all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been read with answers to [illegible] [illegible]

Our beloved friends [illegible] Martha [illegible] & Samuel Boyd Pitney from [illegible] [illegible] with minutes from their respective Meetings their company & labors have been truly acceptable to us. The Clerk is left at [illegible] [illegible] minutes conformable to the above.

Our beloved friend Joshua [illegible] has also been with us at th[illegible] [illegible] and religious services have been very acceptable to us but he [illegible] of further labor within the limits of this meeting. The furnish[illegible] him with a returning minute is deferred until the present [illegible].

Lively & interesting Epistles from London, Dublin & [illegible] Yearly Meetings have been accepta[illegible]

Our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned the minute granted him by this meeting in 10th Month accompanied by minutes from each of the Quarterly Meetings of Cornwall, Nine Partners, Purchase & ~~xxxxx~~ Westbury, also from the Women's Meetings of those quarters minutes expressive of his company and religious labours having been acceptable to them, which with the account he has given of his visit is satisfactory to this meeting.

The business brought before this meeting being gone through we conclude [illegible] Month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in [illegible] 4th month 2nd 1857.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows viz.
From Sandwich Betsey Akin, Mary R Wing and Sarah T Bowerman.
" Pembroke Mary Shepherd and Maria Brown
" Dartmouth Mary R Potter, Sarah Tucker & Phebe [illegible]
" Westport Barbara Gifford and Mary A Gifford.
" [illegible] Sarah R. [illegible] and Maria Coleman.
" New Bedford Sylvia G Howland, Phebe Swift, Elizabeth G Gilbert & Phebe S Leland who being called were all present except three, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Sarah H. Anthony for Clerk & Maria B. Smith assistant which being united with they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment is made.

The queries have been read, with the answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which a summary has been compiled, and [illegible] to which service we appoint our friends Rachel S Howland, Ruth W Baker, Ruth Davis, Sarah Tucker, Mary R Wing, Barbara Gifford and Hannah S Tabor.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford opened in this meeting a concern that had rested on her mind to perform a visit in Gospel love to friends within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting — attending their meetings & appointing meetings among friends and others not members of our religious society as way may open for in the truth. As set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting — Which concern claiming our solid consideration

4th mo. 1857– was fully united with and she left at liberty and encouraged to proceed therein– being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks were directed to endorse this minute on her certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and sign it on our behalf.

Our esteemed friend Joshua Douglass of Durham Monthly Meeting attended our last Quarterly Meeting in which his company and religious services were acceptable & satisfactory to us. And since that time has finished his religious labors within our limits acceptably to friends– The Clerks were directed to forward to Durham Monthly Meeting a copy of this minute.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th Month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H. Anthony– Clerk–

7th Month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Falmouth 7th month 2nd 1857–

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows viz– from Sandwich Tamzin Gifford, Elizabeth Swift & Mercy H. Wing– Pembroke Maria Brown and Mary Shepherd– Dartmouth Mary Fisher, Anna C. Almy, & Hitty H. Wing– Westport Barbara Gifford, Phebe Slade & Mary G. Macomber– Nantucket Lydia B. Mitchell & Sarah M. Easton– New Bedford Betsey P. Wood, Rhoda Howland, Hannah Bradford & Dorcas F. Tucker who being called are all present except four, for the absence of two sufficient reasons have been given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended, except three for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Our beloved friend Priscilla Green attended this Meeting producing satisfactory testimonials from Thaxted Monthly Meeting and Essex Quarterly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London on the 19th 20th and 31st of 5th Month 1856. Our beloved friend Mary Nicholson– who is associated with Priscilla Green in her religious visit to this Country– has also been with us at this time with certificates of unity from Pardshaw Monthly Meeting & the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland & Northumberland and one from the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 11th of 8th month 1856– Their company & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable and encouraging to us.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour

The representatives being called are all present that attended the first sitting.

Read

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, are continued for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, in conjunction with a Committee of the women's meeting, in the government and superintendence of the Institution, and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year. The Report is as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have attended to their appointment and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. For the Summer term forty-nine males and sixty three females, and for the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all of them for the full terms.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland as Principals, mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year, has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the School, and members deputed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the school has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Rowell, William P. Macomber, Pamelia C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Mekeel, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut teacher of French and German; Marianna Stanton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the school house as usual—the scholars at other times attending Friends Meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the School Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined, and the result may be stated as follows:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In Treasurer's hands last year, - - - -	$126 25
Receipts for the year, - - - - -	448 75
	$575 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each, - - -	480 00
In hands of Treasurer at this time, - - -	95 00
	$575 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of School Fund, - -	$6,636 06
" " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	66 74
	$6,702 80

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principal)

Fire insurance, - - - - - - -	$165 00
Repairs of school premises, - - -	1,084 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract, - - -	3,000 00
	$4,249 63
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of, - - - - - - -	2,453 17

Of which excess $682 08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and principal of the debts of the Institution—

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the Treasurer's hands, - - - - - - -	$3,817 92
This debt as reported last year was, - -	5,922 22

It will be seen therefore that the principal of the debt has been lessened the past year, $2,104 30.

This result encourages the expectation that the school may [illegible] ned usefully and the [illegible] long discharged.

We would propose, that the Summer term should commence as at present on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month, and continue twenty-one weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue twenty weeks; and that there should be no intermission of these terms by any recess during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition be the same as last year, viz, $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times for the admission of scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the terms of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the terms of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.

Providence, sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*"

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

On reading the Records of this Meeting for last year, our attention was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meeting—and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk*

7th Mo/57

The queries have been read with answers to the first 2nd. & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend, Elwood Osborne attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Elk Monthly Meeting endorsed by Westfield Quarterly Meeting within the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting – his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Davis Pegg companion to Elwood Osborne has also been with us at this time with a minute of concurrence from New Garden Monthly Meeting Indiana. his company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing them with minutes conformable to the above.

This Meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving of the public appearances in the Ministry of Hannah T. Taber having the concurrence of the men's meeting therein and Sarah H. Anthony is appointed to transmit the information to the Select preparative Meeting.

The Annual report of the Boarding School Committee & Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women friends have been read & were acceptable to us.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th month next at Sandwich. –

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk –

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich the 1st of 10th Month 1857 –

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows

Sandwich – Lydia [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] Pembroke – Maria Brown & Susan [illegible] [illegible] – [illegible] Tucker, Ann C. Almy & Abigail Gifford – Westport – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – Nantucket Lydia [illegible] & Sarah [illegible] [illegible] – New Bedford – Eliza C Davis, Sylvia H Nye, Mary Shove & Dorcas F. Tucker who being called were all present except two who were prevented from attending by indisposition.

The queries have been read with answers to the usual three from each of our monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend James McLaughlin attended this meeting with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting [illegible] [illegible] his company & religious services were acceptable to us.

11th m. '57 Our esteemed friend Joseph Taber attended this meeting as companion to James Mc. Laughlin with a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting his company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to the meeting.

Our esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this meeting a concern to attend the ensuing Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina and to attend and appoint such Meetings with Friends and others as he may be drawn to within their limits, and also within the limits of Philadelphia & New York Yearly Meetings going & returning as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting which concern claiming the solid consideration of this meeting was fully united with and he set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct he being a minister with whom we have unity. The Clerks were directed to endorse this minute on his certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting & sign it on our behalf.

The business brought before this Meeting being accomplished we concluded proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 12th month next at New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk.

12th month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 12th month 3rd 1857.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective monthly Meetings are as follows viz from Sandwich Ann H. Wing, Ruth H. Baker & Sarah F. [illegible] Pembroke Maria Brown & Ruth Ann Shepherd Dartmouth Ann A. Allen Eliza Wing & Phebe R. Gifford Westport Alice Lawton Mary A Gifford & Lydia C Earle Nantucket Lydia [illegible] Eunice [illegible] New Bedford Susan H. Hampton, Phebe Swift, Abigail Davis and Rhoda Howland, present except one for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

The queries were read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friends Moses H. [illegible] of Providence Monthly Meeting & Joseph H. Pratt of Unity Monthly Meeting attended this meeting with satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings. Their company & religious labours have been acceptable to us.

12 mo. 57 — Our beloved friend Martha C Hall [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has also been with us at this time with a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting, her company & social deportment has been satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to the above.

[illegible] friend Phebe R Gifford returned the minute granted her by this meeting in 4th month last and informed that she had been enabled to perform the service for which she was then liberated to the peace & satisfaction of her own mind. She also produced a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders, and one from each of the Quarterly Meetings of Leray, Westlake, Westbury, Purchase, Nine Partners & Stanford. Also from Pickering, Yonge Street, Farmington & Rochester Monthly Meetings all expressive of their concurrence, her services having been acceptable to them. which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from London & Dublin Yearly Meetings of Women Friends have been read and were acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lemuel Gifford returned the minute granted him in 10th month last. He also produced minutes from Baltimore & North Carolina Yearly Meetings and from each of the Monthly Meetings of [illegible], New Garden, Baltimore and the [illegible] meetings held at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Virginia — expressive of their unity & his religious services having been acceptable to them, which with the account he has rendered of his visit is satisfactory to this meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 4th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

4 mo 1858 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4th month 1st 1858.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are from Sandwich Deborah Boyce, Ruth H Baker and Elizabeth C Wing. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Susan Shepherd. Dartmouth Sarah Tucker, Abigail H Kirby and Phebe R Gifford. Westport Mary G Macomber & Mary A Gifford. Nantucket Mary B Farnum & Lydia Hussey. New Bedford Elizabeth Swift, Sarah Howland, Sally Bradford & Ann H Dunbar. — who were all present.

4 mo. 1858 The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed; Sarah H. Anthony is reappointed Clerk and Maria B. Smith assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

The queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a summary has been compiled and with an account to the Yearly Meeting is to be forwarded thereto by our representatives. Mary B Farnum, Ann H Dunbar, Rachel I Howland, Ruth Davis, Mercy H Wing, Phebe R Gifford, Betsey P Wood, Mary Shepherd, Elizabeth C Wing, Mary A. Gifford & Sarah H. Anthony.

Our beloved friend Caleb Jones attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity from Falmouth Monthly which with his company & religious services have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing him with a copy of this minute.

The business of the meeting being accomplished under a renewed sense of Divine favor, we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

7th month At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held in Falmouth 1st of 7th month 1858

By accounts received from our respective monthly meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from Sandwich Rhoda G Wing, Sally Holway and Lydia B. Dillingham — Pembroke Maria Brown & Susan Shepherd Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Hannah S Slocum and Sarah A Snow — Westport Mary G. Macomber & Ann L Allen — Nantucket Christina Macy & Sarah M. Easton — New Bedford Susan H Dottridge, Hannah Tripp, Lydia T Howland & Hepsa Shearman who being called were present except four, for the absence of three sufficient reasons were assigned:

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one who has given a satisfactory reason for her absence.

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting containing the Report of the Boarding School Committee have been read and are acceptable to us.

We adjourn to the 4th hour this afternoon.

YEARLY MEETING, 6th month, 1858.

The Boarding School Committee presented the following Report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, at Providence, report—

That they have given attention to the objects of their appointment. The two terms of the School have been held, under the superintendence of Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, as Principals,—assisted during the summer term by John F. Rowell, Elizabeth Arnold, Rebecca H. Smiley, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Page, in mathematics; Daniel D. Patten and Albert Palmer, each a part of the term, in Classical studies; by Caroline H. Pinkham, in needle-work, Mary A. Potter, in drawing, and by Alphonse Renaud, in French. In the winter term, Daniel D. Patten was the Classical teacher for the term—the other teachers remaining as in the summer term, except that Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, took the places of Caroline H. Pinkham and Elizabeth Arnold. Lectures on some branches of Natural Science were delivered in the winter term, by Samuel Austin.

The usual course of studies has been pursued. The deportment of the scholars, has been generally satisfactory—as much so, perhaps, as at any former period of the School. The methods of teaching have kept pace with the improvements which experience has suggested, and a general disposition among the scholars has been apparent to avail themselves of the advantages thus afforded.

Harmony has prevailed in the family, and a disposition to labor unitedly for the good of the institution.

The meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been regularly held in the school house. They have been generally attended by members of the committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and have proved interesting seasons. At other times, the family attend meetings in Providence.

It has been the concern of the committee, that the minds of the children should be impressed with a sense of the vital importance of religion, of the necessity of an acquaintance with the truths recorded in Holy Scripture, and of a careful attention to the monitions of Truth in their own minds.

During the winter term, there were fifty-two cases of measles in the school. The disease was exhibited in a mild form, and all who were attacked, recovered. The circumstance of this sickness occasioned much additional care and responsibity to the Principals, and we think it due to them to say, that the duties, thus devolving upon them, were cheerfully and faithfully performed,—and it is cause of thankfulness, that among so many cases of disease, the lives of all were preserved.

There were admitted and came to the school, as scholars for the summer term, seventy-three males and sixty-six females; and for the winter term, ninety-one males, and seventy females, and nearly all of them attended through these terms respectively.

The arrangement with the Principals for the management of the affairs of the school, has been continued upon the same terms as last year. Some expense has been incurred in repairs and alterations necessarily made upon the school premises, during the year, the amount of which appears inthe statement of expenditures.

The result of the annual examination of the accounts of the Institution, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In treasurer's hands last year	$95 00
Receipts	310 00
Due the treasurer from this fund, at this time .	75 00
	$480 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each	$480 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the income of the School Fund .	$6,122 14
Payments (exclusive of those to be made by the Principal.)	
Fire insurance	$165 00
Repairs on the school premises	1,125 48
To Joseph Cartland, on contract	3,000 00
	$4,290 48
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of	$1,831 66

Of which excess $214 31 is in the hands of the treasurer, and the balance has been applied to payments on account of the interest and principal of the debt of the Institution;—leaving the present amount of indebtedness, less the amount in treasurer's hands, and exclusive of accrued interest $2,285 69

We propose that the summer and winter terms of the school should commence and continue as last year—and that the charge for board and tuition remain without change, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

The regulations respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., we append to this report, with the view of their being again sent to the subordinate meetings, for the information of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, fifth month, 7th, 1858.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their Meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address, JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Afternoon met near the 4th hour.

The representatives being called were all present that attended the first sitting.

Our beloved friends Alney Thomson of Bloomington Monthly & Red Cedar Quarterly Meetings Iowa and Eli Jones of China Monthly Meeting State of Maine attended this meeting and presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings. Their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Lydia Thomson who accompanies her husband Alney Thomson has also been with us at this time with a minute of Unity from Bloomington Monthly Meeting her company and solid deportment has been satisfactory to us. And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens Meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf.

The queries with answers to the first, second & tenth have been read in this Meeting.

We have received and read at this time the London General Epistle of last Year containing excellent counsel and instruction, together with transcripts of Epistles from London Yearly Meeting of Women friends of last and present Year all which were acceptable to us.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude, purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th Month next at Sandwich.

Sarah H. Anthony, Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th Month 7th 1858.

The representatives from our respective monthly Meetings are as follows viz. from Sandwich Betsy Akin, Mary R. King, & Deborah Boyce — Pembroke Maria Brown & Mary Shepherd — Westport Ann L. Allen & Mary S. Macomber. Dartmouth Rhoda Howland, Mary C. Potter & Abigail Gifford. Nantucket Christina Macy and Sarah M. Easton. New Bedford Rhoda Kelley, Rachel S. Howland, Eliza W. Davis and Susan B. Kempton who are all present.

Accounts from our respective monthly Meetings have been received which together with the queries and answers to the first, second & tenth have been read in this meeting.

This Meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Betsy Akin & Abby Holway to the Station of Elders. Mens Meeting concurring therein.

11th mo 1858 Transcript of an Epistle from Dublin Yearly meeting of women friends has been acceptably read.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Nicholson from England, whose certificate was read in this meeting in 12th month last year. her Gospel labors have been truly edifying and encouraging to us. Our beloved friend Priscilla Green who is associated with Mary Nicholson in a religious visit to this Country was prevented from attending this meeting by indisposition.

The business coming before the meeting being finished we conclude to meet again if permitted in 12th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

12th month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 2nd of 12th Month 1858.

By accounts received from all our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this are as follows, Viz. From Sandwich Betsey Akin, Charity Hoxie & Phebe W. Kelley. Pembroke Maria Brown & Ruth Ann Shepherd; Dartmouth Huldah Gifford Lucy Tallberg & Mary C. Potter, Westport Ann Lawton Phebe Slade & Lydia C. Sares. Nantucket Christina Macy & Maria Coleman. New Bedford Mary Shove, Betsey P. Wood, Ann A. Macomber and Anna Davis, who being called were present except five, for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were given.

The queries were read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends Elizabeth Paige from Weare Monthly Meeting, Reuben Jones from Litchfield, Edward Gove from Seabrook & Thomas Grover of Smithfield Monthly meeting each producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings Their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friends Hannah Paige from Weare Monthly Meeting companion to Elizabeth Paige and Joseph Richmond from Litchfield Monthly Meeting companion to Reuben Jones attended this meeting with minutes of unity from each of their meetings, their company has been acceptable to us. The Clerks are directed to furnish the above named friends with a copy of the minute made in their behalf

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again in 4th Month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

4 mo 1859

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Newbedford 4th month 9th 1859.

By accounts received from our respective meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from Sandwich Mercy K. Wing, Lydia B. Dillingham & Ruth H. Baker — Pembroke Ruth Ellis & Maria Brown — Dartmouth Ruth Almy, Huldah Gifford & Avis Gifford — Westport Mary G. Macomber & Mary F. Gifford — Nantucket Christina Macy Lydia B. Mitchell & Lydia Swain — New Bedford Betsey P. Wood Lydia Congdon, Susan G. Kempton, Anna G. Wood, and Hannah Bradford, who being called were all present except three for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Sarah H. Anthony is reappointed Clerk & Ruth T. Wood assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

The queries have been read with the answers from our several Monthly Meetings and a summary compiled therefrom which with an account is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Lydia Congdon, Ann H. Dunbar, Phebe R. Gifford, Rhoda T. Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Maria Brown, Mercy K. Wing & Mary G. Macomber whom we appoint our representatives.

This meeting unites with Nantucket Monthly meeting in appointing Lydia B. Mitchell to the station of an Elder having the concurrence of the Mens Meeting therein.

A lively & interesting memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning our late friend Hannah T. Taber has been read & approved in concurrence with the men's meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

Transcripts of Epistles from New York & Baltimore Yearly Meetings of Women friends have been read and were acceptable to us.

The business brought before the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth.

Sarah H. Anthony — Clerk —

7 mo 1859 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Falmouth 7 month 7th 1859-

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are as follows-viz. From Sandwich Lois B Gifford, Phebe W Kelley & Sally Holway,-Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Ruth Ann Shepherd-Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Huldah Gifford, Maria B. Smith and Abigail Gifford-Westport Phebe Slade, and Lydia C Earle-Nantucket Sarah M Easton & Lydia Swain-New Bedford Phebe Swift, Mary Gifford, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber & Mary Shove who being called were all present except one for whose absence a reason was assigned.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that they all attended.

Our beloved friend Thomas Frasier attended this meeting with satisfactory testimonials from Salem Monthly & Salem Quarterly Meetings Iowa, expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagement - his company & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us-the Clerks are directed to furnish him with a minute conformable to the above and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned the certificate furnished her by this meeting in 4th month 1856. liberating her for religious service in Great Britain & Ireland & if way should open for it in the truth to visit those professing with friends in some places on the Continent of Europe and informed that she had been enabled to accomplish the service to which she apprehended herself called to the peace & comfort of her own mind She also produced returning certificates from London & Dublin Yearly Meetings of Ministers & Elders which are as follows viz.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and New England Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders.

Dear friends

Our beloved friend Susan Howland has informed this meeting that she believed the religious service for which she was liberated to this nation and

7 Mo 1859 some parts of the Continent of Europe by the Yearly Meeting of New England in the 6th Month 1856 is completed. In performance of which she has visited the meetings within the compass of this Yearly Meeting and very generally the families constituting them as well as those persons who are in profession with us. She has also paid a religious visit to those professing with us in France & Germany and now that she feels released from the prospect of further service in this land, she can in deep humility adopt the language "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee."

We testify on her behalf as our dear friend that throughout this long and extensive service she has, with much diligence, pursued her apprehended line of duty, and her humble, watchful and exemplary walk throughout these engagements has greatly endeared her to us, and recommended the Gospel message she has had to bear to those whom she has visited. — We desire also to testify that her communications amongst us have been edifying and comforting.

The company of her beloved Sister Lydia Congdon, who travelled with her, during the greater part of her extensive engagement was very acceptable to us.

In parting with our dear friend our hearts are raised in fervent aspirations to our Heavenly Father that she may reach her land, and her beloved family and friends in safety, enjoying the rich blessing of peace.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends,

Signed in and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London the 16th 17th & 28th of the 5th Mo. 1859.

Robt. [illegible]

Clerk.

To New Bedford Monthly Meeting, Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for New England.

Dear friends

Our dear friend Susan Howland on whose behalf certificates have been read from you, has attended our Yearly Meeting; and having informed us that she has not a prospect of much further service amongst us, we certify on her behalf, that her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, as has also been the company of her sister Lydia Congdon who has produced to us a certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

We are with love your friends.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 26th of Fourth Mo. & by adjournments on the 28th of the same & 1st of 5th Mo. 1858.

William James Barcroft Clerk.

7 Mo. 1859. Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford opened to this Meeting a concern which had for some time rested with weight on her mind to visit in Gospel love the [illegible] Yearly Meeting of Friends & to appoint some meetings within the limits of that & Indiana Yearly Meeting— also to attend Indiana Yearly Meeting and some meetings in returning, if way should open for it in the Truth— as set forth in a certificate of concurrence furnished her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, which concern claiming our solid consideration was fully united with and she left at liberty to proceed therein— being a Minister in unity with us, the Clerks were directed to endorse this minute on her certificate from Dartmouth Mo. Mtg. and sign it on our behalf.

We adjourn to ½ past 3 o'clk this afternoon.

Afternoon met near the time adjourned to

The representatives being called were all present that attended the first sitting.

The queries were read with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee with regulations appended in regard to the manner of admitting scholars into the School, has been read & is satisfactory to us.

Extracts from the Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women Friends & the London General Epistle of 1858 containing much interesting counsel & encouragement have been read at this time to our comfort and edification.

This Meeting in concurrence with the Men's unites with Nantucket Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift & approving the public appearances in the Ministry of Christopher C. Hussey.

The business brought before us being accomplished, under a renewed feeling of Divine regard, we conclude, proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th Mo. next at Sandwich.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk

10th Month.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Sandwich 10th Month 6th 1859.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting Viz from Sandwich Elizabeth C. Wing, Betsey Akin & Elizabeth Dillingham— Pembroke Maria Brown & Mary G. Trost— Dartmouth Virtue R. Potter, Hannah S. Slocum, Abigail Gifford and Martha Gifford, Westport Martha G. Davis, & Mary A.

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1859.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School, presented their Annual Report, as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have given their attention to the duties of their appointment.

For the summer term of the School, there were admitted one hundred and seven scholars, of whom fifty-nine were males, and forty-eight were females, and for the winter term, one hundred and fifty-one, of whom, eighty-three were males, and sixty-eight were females. All of these, except in a few cases of leaving on account of ill health and other causes, have been in attendance through the terms. So that with these few exceptions, instruction has been furnished in the School, equal to one term each, to two hundred and fifty-eight scholars.

This instruction we believe to have been efficient in the several branches taught, and imparted in a manner, acceptable to the scholars and satisfactory to the Committee.

The deportment of the pupils generally, we are thankful in being able to say, has been orderly, and their attention to, and improvement in their studies, commendable.

Meetings for worship have been held as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings. They have been attended, with two exceptions, by members of the Committee, and often by other concerned Friends, and they have generally proved seasons of much interest and solemnity.

Instruction for the purpose of giving to the scholars a knowledge of the invaluable contents of the Holy Scriptures, have formed part of the regular exercises of the school, and a concern has been manifested, that the tender minds of the children, should be nurtured in that way which will best secure their future, in a course of virtue and uprightness, consistently with the profession of Friends. Harmony has been preserved in the family, and a kindly feeling and desire to promote the best interests of the school have prevailed.

We have had during the year, the valuable services of Joseph Cartland, and his wife Gertrude W. Cartland, who have acceptably filled the stations of Principals of the school, under the arrangement made with them, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

They were assisted by John F. Rowell, Rebecca D. Wing and Mary S. Harris, as teachers of the English branches; by Franklin E. Paige, as teacher of Mathematics; by D. Dana Patten, as teacher of Greek and Latin; by Alphonse Renaud, as teacher of French and German. Mary E. Potter has been teacher of Drawing, and Caroline H. Pinkham of Needlework, and Samuel T. Satterthwaite, as teacher of the English branches was employed in addition in the winter term.

At the close of the summer term, two female scholars, having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

A valuable addition has been made to the conveniences and advantages of the School, in the erection, on the grounds on the western side of the school house, of a building for the purpose of exercise; and by the liberality of the officers and scholars in the west wing, this building has been furnished with a valuable apparatus for such exercise, calculated to develope and strengthen the bodily powers and to promote health; and this building and apparatus, have been gladly occupied by the male scholars to their evident advantage; similar provision having heretofore been made for the girls school, and which has been much improved during the last year.

A very desirable addition to the library at the school, has also been made, consisting of nearly five hundred volumes of works of standard value, and of more recent publication than was before there;—thus adding much to the interest of the collection, without cost to the Institution.

The financial results of the year, by an examination of the accounts, which were found to be well vouched and correct, may be stated as follows, viz:

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund . .	$257 50
Due the treasurer at this time . . .	97 50
	$355 00

CHARGES ON THE FUND.

Due the treasurer last year	$75 00
Payment for board and tuition of seven scholars, one term each	280 00
	$355 00

The income of this fund the present year, is not expected to exceed that of the last, so that after the present indebtedness of the fund to the treasurer is deducted, there will remain $160, and this is chargeable with the board and tuition of one scholar admitted for the present summer term, leaving

Repairs and additions on school premises, including some payments for former years and balance due principal	$2,795 95	
Which has been in part provided for by private subscription to the amount of	365 00	
		2,430 95
To Joseph Cartland, on contract . . .		3,000 00
		$5,779 02
Leaving a surplus of		113 82

Which applied to the indebtedness reported last year, at $2,285 69, leaves the present indebtedness $2,171 87.

We propose that the terms of the school, commence and continue as last year, and that the charge remain the same, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members, and $100 for any others, payable in advance. That $5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

The regulations, respecting the time of payment, manner and times of admission of scholars, &c., which have been transmitted to the subordinate meetings heretofore, we again append to this report; and we desire that the attention of our several Monthly Meetings may be particularly called to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in the year 1855, which was made after much deliberation, and is as follows, viz.:

"That Monthly Meetings take care, by committees, that suitable inquiries be made as to the fitness of scholars, proposing to enter the school, belonging to their respective Meetings; and to such as said committees shall approve, to give certificates; which certificates shall be required by the School Committee, in order for admission."

It is very desirable that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting should be strictly complied with, as we believe the best interests of the school require such compliance.

In conclusion, we commend the Institution to the continued care and concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee. STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk."

Providence, 5th month, 10th, 1859.

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

10 Mo. 1859 Gifford — Nantucket Maria Coleman & Lydia Swain — New Bedford — Anna G Wood, Dolly Bradford, Deborah [illegible], & Dorcas P. Tucker, who being called were all present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friend Edward Gove with his wife Elizabeth Gove attended this Meeting and presented satisfactory certificates from Seabrook Monthly Meeting. Their company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us. The Clerks were directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

The queries were read with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business brought before the Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in 12th Month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk.

12 Mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12th Mo. 1st 1859.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives to this Meeting are as follows Viz
from Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Elizabeth Dillingham & Sarah Holway.
" Pembroke — Maria Brown and Ruth Ann Shepherd
" Dartmouth — Hannah Slade, Maria B Smith & Eliza Wing.
" Westport — Phebe Slade, Rebecca Church & Mary G. Macomber
" Nantucket — Christina Macy, & Lydia Swain
" New Bedford — Hannah Leonard, Lydia Howland, Sarah H. Anthony & Nancy B Dillingham — who being called were present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

The queries were read with answers to the usual three from our several Monthly Meetings.

This Meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Eliza C Davis & Anna G. Wood to the station of Elders — the mens meeting uniting therewith — It also concurs with Men friends in uniting with that Mo. Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Kempton, Charles R Tucker and Isaac Wood to the same station.

~~[illegible]~~ Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford returned the minute furnished her by this Meeting in 7th Month last and informed that she had been enabled to accomplish the service for which she was then liberated to the peace and satisfaction of her own mind. — She also presented

12 Mo 1859. returning minutes from Western & Indiana Yearly Meetings — and from the Mo. Mtgs. of Vermilion, Bloomfield, Mill-Creek, West-Union, White Lick, Fairfield, Maysville, Bridgeport, Centre & Dover all expressive of her company & religious labors having been acceptable to them which is satisfactory to this meeting.

Transcripts of Epistles from Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings of Women friends have been acceptably read at this time.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude to meet again (if permitted) in 4th month next in New Bedford

Sarah H Anthony Clerk.

4 mo. 1860 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford the 5th of 4th month 1860.

Reports have been received from all our Monthly Meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed their representatives to this meeting viz

from Sandwich — Sarah S Bowerman, Phebe W Kelley and Sally [illegible]
" Pembroke — Maria Brown and Susan Shepherd.
" Dartmouth — Phebe H Gifford, Mary Tucker & Huldah Gifford.
" Westport — Mercy Gifford and Rebecca A Church.
" Nantucket — Christina Macy, Sarah H Easton & Lydia Swain.
" New Bedford — Rhoda T Gifford, Ann H Dunbar, Dolly Bradford
and Sarah N. Howland who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Sarah H Anthony for Clerk and Elizabeth H. Ewing for assistant Clerk which being approved, they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Rebecca A Gifford to the station of an Elder — the mens Meeting uniting therewith. We also concur with men friends in uniting with that meeting in the appointment of Jonathan Boyce to the same Station.

4 Mo. 1860

The queries & answers to them from the Monthly Meetings have been read in this meeting and a summary having been compiled from the answers, is to be forwarded with an account to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint our friends Mary Gifford, Christina Shaw, Mercy H. Swain, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Swain, Phebe R. Gifford, Mary G. Macomber, Ruth Ann Shepherd and Phebe Slade.

This meeting united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the hour of holding their Monthly Meetings occurring between the Quarterly Meetings in the 4th and 11th Months from the eleventh to the tenth hour.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing it meet again (if permitted) in 7th mo. next at Falmouth.

Sarah H. Anthony – Clerk –

7th month

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Falmouth the 5th of 7th month 1860.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings are as follows viz from Sandwich Elizabeth Gifford, Elizabeth C. Wing & Betsey Akin — Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Ruth Ann Shepherd — Dartmouth Patience S. Potter Sarah W. Allen & Abigail Gifford — Westport Martha C. Davis, Mary A. Gifford & Mary G. Macomber. — Nantucket Lydia Hussey & Maria Coleman — New Bedford Lydia Congdon, Mary Shove, Lydia B. Crocker Mary Gifford & Susan F. Kempton — present except three, for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were given.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that they attended according to appointment.

Our beloved friends Hannah S. Fry from Marlborough Monthly Meeting, State of New York — Elizabeth Peckham South Kingston Monthly Meeting Rhode Island — and Lindley M. Hoag of Rocksylvania Monthly Meeting and Western Plain Quarterly Meeting Iowa, have been with us at this time producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Lindley M. and Mary M. Ferris attended this meeting as companions to our friend Hannah S. Fry with a minute of unity from Cornwall Quarterly Meeting. Their company & solid deportment has been satisfactory to us — the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to those made on their behalf.

7 Mo. 1860 Accounts have been received from each of our Monthly Meetings which with the Queries & answers to the first, second & tenth have been read in this meeting.

The annual report of the Boarding School Committee— a minute prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings in relation to liberating ministers for religious services, and one containing excellent advice respecting the maintenance of love & unity have been read at this time

Interesting Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting of Women Friends have also been read & were acceptable to us.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 10th month next at Sandwich.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk.

10th Month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Sandwich 10th month 4th 1860.

The representatives from our respective Monthly Meetings were from Sandwich Elizabeth Dillingham Mary R Wing & Ruth H Baker— Pembroke Maria Brown and Sarah Hosie— Dartmouth Abigail Gifford, Hannah Tucker and Maria B Smith— Westport Phebe Slade, Mary G Macomber and Lydia C Earle— Nantucket Christina Macy & Sarah M. Easton— New Bedford Susan Taber, Susan G Kempton, Rhoda T. Gifford, and Sarah H Anthony— who were present except two for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

Accounts have been received from each of our Monthly Meetings, which with the queries and answers to the first, second & tenth have been read in this meeting.

Our beloved friend Mary Shove informed that she had for some time felt a concern to attend in Gospel love the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore. Also to perform some other religious service in going and returning as truth may open the way. Which being considered & united with she was left at liberty to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct— being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks were directed to endorse this minute

Yearly Meeting, 6th Month, 1860.

The committee in charge of our Boarding School, at Providence, presented their annual report, which is satisfactory to us;—and much sympathy was felt and expressed for those who have acted in our behalf, in consequence of some cases of severe, and two of fatal sickness in the institution, since the commencement of the present term, but which we thankfully trust may not extend further.

The report of the committee is as follows, viz:—

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, report:

That for the Summer term of the school, there were admitted one hundred and thirty seven scholars; seventy-one males and sixty-six females; and for the Winter term, one hundred and seventy-seven scholars; ninety-seven males and eighty females; and with few exceptions, arising from ill health or other causes, they attended through these terms respectively.

Our friends Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, have acceptably served the Institution as principals, on the same terms as heretofore. They have been assisted by the following teachers, viz: In the Summer term, John F. Rowell, Samuel T. Satterthwaite, Mary S. Harris and Elma M. Dame, in the English Branches; Franklin E. Page in Mathematics, Robert Henry Duncan in Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut in French and German, and Mary A. Potter in Drawing. In the Winter term, in the English Branches, the same teachers were employed, with the exception of Samuel T. Satterthwaite, and the addition of Mary Anna Stanton and Ellen L. Whittier. In Mathematics, Henry L. Pinkham was employed; in Natural Science, Samuel Austin, and in Penmanship, Harvey Maxfield. In the other branches, the teachers were the same as in the Summer term.

We have had, the past year, to record the removal, by death, of one of these teachers, and at our meeting in the First Month, we thought it right to place on our records, the following minute in relation thereto, viz:

"In recording the removal by death of our beloved young friend Mary S. Harris, we believe it right to express our sense of the excellence of her character, and of the loss we have sustained in this dispensation of our Heavenly Father, who determineth all things in His wisdom, and whose ways are past finding out.

"Educated in this Institution, going through with the full course of study recently established here, with much credit, and receiving the first diploma issued by us, she was introduced as a teacher into the school, and had discharged the duties of the appointment for about two years, with great acceptance to us, to her associate teachers, and to the pupils of the Institution.

"Soon after the opening of the present term, our dear friend was somewhat indisposed, and it was thought best she should be temporarily released from her school duties; and she went to the house of a relative in Waterford, expecting to return here in a few days. But He who knoweth what is best for us all, who seeth the end from the beginning and doeth all things well, had otherwise appointed. She gradually sunk under a typhoid fever, and was released from the pains and trials of mortality, the 4th of First Month, 1860; aged about 23 years.

"While we deeply feel our privation by her removal from us; while we tenderly sympathize with her afflicted relatives in their bereavment; we are comforted with the assured belief that she loved the Saviour, and that through His abounding mercy, she is received by Him into a place prepared for her in the mansions of His Father's house."

We believe the Institution, in its several departments, has been satisfactorily conducted, and continues to afford a means for a useful and guarded education to those entrusted to its care. The deportment of the scholars has been generally commendable, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory.

Meetings for worship have been held, as heretofore, in the school house, on First Day mornings; and these meetings are believed to have been held in a manner according with their solemn purpose. They have been attended, with few exceptions, by members of the Committee and other Friends.

Scriptural instruction has formed a part of the regular exercises of the school, with the purpose of giving the pupils a knowledge of the contents of these invaluable writings, and impressing their solemn truths upon their minds.

At the close of the Summer term, seven scholars having completed the full course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the school, were presented with duly authenticated certificates or diplomas of scholarship, heretofore agreed to be given in such cases.

The accounts of the institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the last year:—

CHARITABLE FUND.

Receipts from the income of the Fund, -	$165 00
Due the Treasurer, at this time, - - -	92 50
	$257 50
Charges on the Fund,	
Due the Treasurer, last year, - - - - -	$97 50
Payment for the board and tuition of four children, one term each, - - - - -	160 00
	$257 50

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from the Income of the School Fund,	$3,844 84
From a subscription, - - - -	50 00
	$3,894 84
Payments,	
Fire insurance premium, - - - - -	$165 00
Interest, - - - - - - - -	170 15
Repairs and additions on School premises,	1,541 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract - -	3,000 00
	$4,876 78
Leaving a deficiency of - - - -	981 94
Which added to the indebtedness reported last year, of $2,171 87, makes the present indebtedness, - - - - - - -	$3,153 81

The deficiency above reported, arises principally from a falling short of the income of the School Fund, which was the last year from $2,000 to $3,000 less than in former years. It is not expected that this will again occur, and under the present arrangement, it is hoped that the debt may, in a few years, be extinguished.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the own proper charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in advance. That $5 additional charge be made, as heretofore, for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing. Books and stationery being furnished at actual cost.

Which we submit to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, with the belief that the Institution is usefully fulfilling the design of its founders.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHACE, *Clerk.*"

Providence, fifth Month, 8th, 1860.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Minute prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for religious service, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with, and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of it to our several subordinate Meetings. It is as follows:

> "When a Minister has a prospect of religious service, which according to our Discipline requires the unity of the Monthly Meeting, previous to its being brought to the consideration of said Meeting let it be laid before the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at its stated time, or specially convened for the purpose, and if the friend is encouraged or left at liberty to do so, he should spread his concern before the Monthly Meeting, and let that Meeting take full time, under a very weighty sense of its responsibility, for solid and careful deliberation, before granting a certificate.
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> In cases requiring the judgment of the Quarterly Meeting, and said meeting unites with the concern, let it endorse its certificate as now required by Discipline; and if the concern is for a general or extensive visit, and the Quarterly Meeting shall advise that it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, let it be carried there for its unity and concurrence, before the friend enters upon such religious service.
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> And in all cases where the concern extends to territory beyond the Rocky Mountains, let it go before the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders in the same manner as is required when the prospect "extends to Europe or beyond sea."
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> The vital importance of the maintenance of a sound Ministry, and of its being at all times exercised under the fresh anointing and renewed qualification which the Holy Spirit alone can give, has claimed our weighty and solemn consideration, and we believe it right to recommend to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings an increase of care and solid deliberation before recording their unity with the gift, and approving the public appearances in the Ministry, of any of our members, and that the recommendation of the Discipline be carefully observed, that full time be allowed for clear evidence that the Lord hath called them to this weighty work."

This meeting is again introduced into deep exercise on account of deficiencies that have been reported in the answers to the Queries the present year, especially the answer to the 2d query, in regard to love and unity. We are sensible that the want of these essentials to our life as a body, may be confined to a few individuals, and yet, in an honest answer, appear to exhibit a greater extent of deficiency, than really exists in point of fact. In the present instance, it is, however, evident that there is an interruption of harmony, to a degree that cannot fail to prove injurious to individuals and to families, if not to the body of the meeting. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. There is one Head over all things unto the Church. We have one Master, even Christ, and all of us are brethren. This is the condition of the Christian Church and of every one of its members; and when love and unity are interrupted between the professed followers of Jesus, we may be assured that there has been a want of watchfulness unto prayer, and that the voice and guidance of the good Shepherd have not been heard and followed. We know that in our weakness and fallibility, we are ever liable to err if we are not constantly engaged to walk in the love and in the fear of God. But our gracious and holy Leader has instructed us very minutely how to proceed with an offending brother. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault, between thee and him alone." We are not at liberty to speak of it to any one, not even to a fellow member, until we have taken this course with the offender; and if we neglect this first step, we do not observe the command of Christ, and become, ourselves, offenders against Him. We are confirmed in the belief, that if in the spirit of restoring love, we thus approach a brother who we apprehend has erred, we shall very often be favored to cause him to see and condemn the error of his way, and shall have the unspeakable comfort of having gained our brother; possibly of having saved a soul from death. If, unhappily, he will not hear us, the next step in the order of the Gospel is to take with us one or two more; and if he shall neglect to hear them, we are then to tell it unto the church. This is the order which the adorable Head of the Church has prescribed; this is the course which we, as a portion of that Church, have ever acknowledged as obligatory upon us; upon this, His explicitly declared law, is our Discipline founded in relation to offenders. To restore to the truth where any have departed from it, is the paramount object of christian care and labor; and a vital question for every one of us to answer, not only to the Church, but also unto Him who is to judge us in the last day, is whether we have kept his command in this respect. Have we observed His law to "do unto others as we would have them do unto us?" If this be our engagement, there is no place for tale bearing and detraction; no liberty for whisperings and insinuations that militate against a brother or any of our fellow men. Very fearful and destructive are the consequences of an indulgence in these practices, which have their origin and support in him who is characterized as the accuser of the brethren. To you, beloved friends, between whom that love and unity which are indispensable to christian brethren, have been in some measure interrupted, we desire most tenderly and earnestly to appeal. How short is the remaining day of your probation! How soon will you be called to stand before Him who has loved us with an everlasting love; who knoweth our hearts and watcheth over us every hour of our lives! Be willing we entreat you, closely to examine yourselves. Be willing to lie very low before the Lord. Remember your own need of forgiveness. Forget not that if we are saved, it will be as *pardoned sinners.* Seek to be clothed with the beautiful garment of humility. Ask, in self abasedness for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Yield yourselves unto His gentle and pure teachings, and your hearts will not fail to be filled with love. Brother will seek to be reconciled unto brother, and in the exercise of that charity which thinketh no evil, each will prefer other to himself, and harmony and fellowship will be restored. "Be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

The Clerk is requested to furnish a copy of the foregoing Minute, to our several subordinate meetings.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

10th mo. 1860. on her certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting and sign it in our behalf.

Our beloved friend Phebe W. Gifford opened to this meeting a prospect which had for some time impressed her mind with much weight of concern to perform some religious service in Southern part of New York Yearly Meeting as truth may open the way therefor. Which concern being deliberately considered was united with and she was set at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct, she being a minister in unity with us. The Clerks were directed to endorse this minute on her certificate furnished her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude [illegible] to meet again in 12th mo. next in New Bedford.

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk.

12th Month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12th Month 6th 1860.

Reports from our respective Monthly Meetings inform that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives Viz from Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Mercy K Ewing & Deborah Boyce — Pembroke Maria Brown & Ann [illegible] — Dartmouth Huldah Gifford, Hannah Slade & Abigail Gifford — Westport Martha G Davis and Esther W. Macomber. — Nantucket Lydia Swain — ~~Dartmouth~~ New Bedford Susan G Kempton, Rhoda S. Gifford, Phebe H. Allen & Mary B. Bradford, who being called were all present.

The assistant Clerk being absent Dorcas F Tucker was appointed for the day.

We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friends Elizabeth Meader from Providence Monthly Meeting and James McLaughlin from China Monthly Meeting State of Maine who presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company & religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taber attended this meeting as companion to our friend James McLaughlin with a minute of concurrence from Unity Monthly Meeting State of Maine. His company has been acceptable to us, and the Clerks were directed to furnish the above named friends with a copy of the minute made on their behalf

12th Mo. 1860. The queries have been read with answers to the first, second & tenth from our several Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Mary Shove returned the minute furnished her by this meeting in 10th month last and informed that she had performed the service to which she was then liberated to the peace & satisfaction of her own mind - she also presented a minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting expressive of her having acceptably attended that meeting.

The London General Epistle of 1859 has been read at this time, its interesting contents have been edifying and encouraging to us

The business brought before the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 4th month next in New Bedford.

Sarah H Anthony - Clerk -

4th mo. 1861 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 4th Mo. 4th 1861

By accounts received we are informed that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting -

From Sandwich - Elizabeth Dillingham, Phebe W Kelley & Elizabeth C Ewing.
" Pembroke - Ruth Ann [illegible] & Mary [illegible].
" Dartmouth - Phebe R Gifford, Hannah S Howland & Abigail Gifford
" Westport [illegible]
" Nantucket No account received
" New Bedford - Lydia S Howland, Eliza Bradford, Louisa H Tucker & Mary B Bradford - present except three

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Sarah H Anthony is reappointed Clerk and Elizabeth C Ewing assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

The queries were read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings (except Nantucket) and a summary compiled from the answers, which with an account is to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Rhoda H Tabor, Louisa H Tucker, Maria B. Smith, Elizabeth Dillingham, Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Elizabeth C. Ewing, Rebecca F Church and Ruth H Baker.

4th mo. 1861. This meeting unites with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Maria B Smith + Huldah Gifford to the Station of Elders — It also unites with that meeting in concurrence with men friends in the appointment of Moses Smith to the Same Station.

Our esteemed friend Phebe R Gifford returned the minute furnished her by this meeting in 11th month last. She also presented Minutes from Butternuts, Westbury, + Purchase Quarterly Meetings, and one from Jericho Monthly Meeting expressive of her company and religious labors having been acceptable to them.

A lively and interesting memorial from New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friend Joseph Davis has been read + approved in concurrence with the mens Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet at Falmouth in 7th mo. next if permitted in the ordering of Divine Providence.

Sarah H Anthony Clerk

7th Mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Falmouth 7th Month 4th 1861.

By accounts received we are informed that the following friends are representatives to this meeting viz.

From Sandwich — Phebe W Kelley, Lydia B Dillingham + Mary H Hoxie.
" Pembroke — Mary Shepherd + Maria Brown.
" Dartmouth — Mary Ann Frances, Phebe R. Gifford and Sarah Smith.
" Westport — Phebe Stace and Esther A Macomber.
" Nantucket — No way opened for any friend to accept the appointment.
" New Bedford — Mary Thorn, Nancy B Dillingham, Susan Taber and Anna G Wood who are present except one a sufficient reason assigned for her absence.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended agreeably to appointment.

This meeting in concurrence with the mens unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in approving the public ministry of Elizabeth C. Wing.

7 mo 1861. We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend John Hodgkin from England who presented satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Lewes & Chichester and the Quarterly Meeting of Sussex, Surrey, Hampshire and part of Dorsetshire held at Brighton 3rd mo. 1861 also one from London Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London 28th of 3rd mo 1861. The Gospel labors of this dear friend have been truly edifying and encouraging to us, and may the effect thereof rest abidingly with us. 7th

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

We have received & read at this time the annual report of the Boarding School Committee — A minute of advice from our late Yearly Meeting respecting the present condition of our beloved Country — and a similar communication from London Yearly Meeting addressed to Friends on this Continent [illegible] which was acceptable & instructive, and are as fit

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet at Sandwich in 10th month next

Sarah H Anthony — Clerk —

YEARLY MEETING, Sixth Month, 1861.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to us, and is as follows, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, report: That for the Summer term of the School there were admitted 131 scholars, 72 males and 59 females; and for the Winter term, 119 scholars, 77 males and 42 females.

It will be remembered, that at our last Yearly Meeting verbal information was communicated relative to the occurrence, early in the Summer term, of severe sickness and death. At that time the number of scholars was very much reduced, but after the interval of a few weeks the greater part returned, reaching 109 of the former number, viz: 67 males and 42 females. As the statements made at that time were very minute, we would now simply inform that the sickness, so far as it respects the scarlet fever, was confined principally to the two cases that proved fatal.

We have continued to feel, from time to time, tender sympathy for the afflicted parents, with desires that He who bindeth up the broken-hearted may be their support and consolation. We trust that their great loss is gain to the dear departed children, and that these solemn events were sanctified to many. Amid the sore trials we passed through, we had cause humbly and gratefully to acknowledge an overruling Hand of Mercy.

Our friends, Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, acceptably served the Institution, as Principals, until the close of the Summer term, when the impaired health of the latter rendered it necessary for them to resign their responsible trust. They were assisted by the following teachers, viz: John F. Rowell, Harriet C. Woodman, Elma Dame, and Lois Anna Greene, in the English branches; Henry K. Pinkham, in Mathematics; Robert Henry Duncan, in the Greek and Latin languages; Alphonse Renaud, in French and German; and Mary A. Potter, in Drawing.

At the close of the Summer term, eleven scholars, having completed the course of study, as prescribed by the rules of the School, were presented with duly authenticated diplomas of scholarship. This occasion was also marked by the termination of our official connection with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland, who were instrumental in introducing this more extended and systematic course of instruction. For five years they faithfully and successfully served the Institution, and we recur to this period with much satisfaction, with desires that retirement and rest may restore our dear friend to health and continued usefulness.

Our former arrangements having proved satisfactory, it appeared desirable to continue the same or a similar plan. We were enabled to carry out our views in a modified form, by a contract entered into with Albert K. Smiley, who, with his wife, Eliza P. Smiley entered into an engagement to become the Principals and Superintendents.

The Winter term opened with the following as a Board of Instructors:—

Albert K. Smiley, } Principals.
Eliza P. Smiley, }
Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal.
John F. Rowell, }
Rufus Read, } Teachers of English Branches.
Rebecca H. Smiley, }
Ruth P. Nichols, }
Joseph W. Congdon, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin.
Dr. Lorenz Enders, Teacher of French and German.
Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House, on First day mornings, with a few exceptions, consequent upon the sickness in the summer. At that time, the scholars who remained availed themselves of the First day morning Meeting in the city, which they usually attend on the afternoon of that day, and in the middle of the week. The Meetings at the School House have been attended, in nearly every instance, by members of the committee or other Friends, and we trust they have been seasons of favor and of interest.

The health of the scholars for the past year, with the exceptions already referred to, has been remarkably good.

Instruction in the Holy Scriptures has formed a part of the regular school exercises, and a concern has been cherished to discharge our duty in every respect towards the youth committed to our care, in harmony with our religious profession, and in dependence upon His blessing, who is Head over all.

The accounts of the Institution having been audited, exhibit the following result for the past year:—

The receipts for tuition, &c., with \$4,192 $\frac{35}{100}$ of the income from the Fund, have paid all the expenses of the establishment.

The remainder of the income has been expended for insurance and interest, and \$1,653 $\frac{81}{100}$ towards the reduction of the debt, leaving the present indebtedness of the Institution, \$1,500.

We propose that the terms of the School commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz.:—\$40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and \$100 for any others, payable in advance.

That \$5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 7th, 1861.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each sex, it will be necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the committee at their meetings to be held in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At these meetings, applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting, will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address Albert K. Smiley,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

MINUTE OF ADVICE

FROM

NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS,

TO THE MEMBERS OF THAT MEETING,

1861.

PROVIDENCE:
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MINUTE OF ADVICE.

The present condition of our beloved country, and the temptations and trials to which we are exposed, have weighed heavily upon us. We have ever been a loyal people. We have always acknowledged our allegiance to the authorities placed over us. We have ever been engaged to sustain civil government, not only by yielding to its authority on all points not involving conscientious scruples, but by exerting such moral power as we might possess to bring others into obedience to it; and at this day, when a section of our land has risen up against it, and by violent means is seeking to subvert and overthrow it, while our sympathies may properly be enlisted for the rulers of our land, now involved in deep responsibility and sore trial, and our prayers rightfully raised to the Lord, that they may be endued with that wisdom which is profitable to direct, yet we are not to forget that it is not for us to mingle in the deadly strife, or to promote in others the spirit which tends to unsheath the sword and to bring them into conflict with their fellow-men.

It may not be necessary for us to enter, at large, into a specification of the grounds upon which our religious society has always felt bound solemnly to bear its testimony against war in all its forms, and to the peaceable nature of the Christian religion; and yet some of the teachings of our Saviour and his apostles, showing that this testimony has its root in the Gospel, may perhaps be profitably revived, and may tend to strengthen and encourage some who desire to be followers of the Prince of Peace, in continuing steadfast and immovable in their faith and in their works.

"Have peace one with another." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." "Walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love." "See that none render evil for evil to any man." "God hath called us to peace." "Follow after love, patience, meekness." "Be gentle, showing all meekness unto all men." "Live in peace." "Lay aside all malice." "Put off anger, wrath, malice." "Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice." "Avenge not yourselves." "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink." "Recompense to no man evil for evil." "Overcome evil with good." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, but I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy; but I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them that despitfully use you and persecute you; for if ye love them only which love you, what reward have ye?"

These are the precepts of christianity, and they breathe the spirit of love and peace. These are the teachings of the Gospel by which we profess to be governed; and they are obligatory upon all christians in every emergency, and under every circumstance of their lives. Let none doubt the practicability of observing them, or in any wise call in question the efficacy of an abiding faith in the controlling and overruling power of Him, who is an omnipresent God; whose eye is upon every created thing; who regards the falling sparrow, and whose preserving care is extended unto all who seek him and put their trust in Him. How fully has this been illustrated in former times, even in our own religious society in this and in other lands, when its members in seasons of great exposure and trial, rejecting all carnal weapons of defence, have found preservation and deliverance in unwavering trust in the living God. And shall we now doubt his superintending providence? Shall we call in question his promises, which in Christ Jesus are yea and amen forever? And while we may not be required in times of excitement like the present, to press our views upon unwilling ears; while it may rather be our place to let our light shine by example, and if need be by suffering; while we may feel that in quietness and in prayer we may most effectually subserve the cause of our blessed Redeemer; let us be engaged to give full evidence by meekness and gentleness, by humility and purity; that we are actuated and controlled by a measure of that spirit which breathes peace on earth, good will toward men: and while we pray thy kingdom come, thy will be done, let us manifest in all our words and deeds, that we are engaged to hasten the coming of that day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ: that we believe the declaration of the evangelical prophet is to be fulfilled wherein he sets forth the change to be wrought under the Christian dispensation. “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. for the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.” “Violence shall be no more heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders.” Let us remember for our encouragement and comfort. the benediction pronounced by our Saviour. “Blessed are the peace makers, for they shall be called the children of God.”

This meeting is also deeply concerned that Friends may be faithful in the continued maintenance of our ancient testimony against slavery: filled as the system is, with violence and wrong to its victims, whether seized in their native land, or born to a condition of life long bondage. God has made of one blood all the nations of men, to dwell on all the face of the earth. Christ died for all, and his commandment is obligatory on all,—“Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” In the observance of this sacred precept, and on religious ground, do we bear our unequivocal testimony against slavery; and crave for the coming of that day when every yoke shall be broken, every bond loosed, and the oppressed go free.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

Epistle from the Yearly Meeting, held in London, by adjournments from the 22nd of the Fifth Month, to the 31st of the Fifth Month inclusive, 1861, to Friends in North America.

Dear Friends and Brethren,—

Amid the commotions and perils which are now affecting your land, solemn are the feelings under which we address you. Long united in the bonds of the Gospel, our hearts have been stirred within us in thinking of your peculiar and calamitous situation. So inadequate is language to express our sense of the trials by which you are surrounded that we are ready to shrink from addressing you upon them. At the same time we cannot, in faithfulness to our feelings, forbear to assure you of our sympathy and concern. More especially are our minds affected as we think of what you must be passing through, in being called upon in a new and [illegible] manner to uphold those views of the pure and peaceable religion of the Redeemer, which are dear to you as to ourselves.

Inclined as man is by nature to have recourse to violence in the [illegible] [illegible] misconceptions and even obloquy. If [illegible] any of you are exposed to such reproach,—if your conduct should be impugned or maligned, or your motives misunderstood,—let none of these things move you. It is an animating thought [illegible] the Divine Master. The more serious the crisis, the more important is it that [illegible] Christ should be maintained. [illegible] May you watch unto prayer, holding fast the profession of your faith without wavering, [illegible] citizens of [illegible] is in heaven.

Dear younger Friends: It is still a warm feeling of many of our hearts that our [illegible] Permit us [illegible] to offer you a few words of Christian counsel. In the [illegible] your love to your country and to its free institutions, [illegible] the privileges of your early training, [illegible] peaceable truths with which many of you have been familiar from your childhood. [illegible] your Lord and Saviour. Keep out of the excitements of popular commotion, the tumult of party agitation, the strife of tongues. Remember that Christ is the Captain of your salvation. His grace is sufficient for every emergency. [illegible] in Him, we entreat you, under a settled persuasion that you cannot either keep yourselves, or, without Him, do anything to promote that which is really for the good of others. Let your petitions ascend, in his name, to the Father of mercies, for yourselves and for your country. What comfort and strength will the Christian believer derive from dwelling upon the pure and spotless example of our adorable Saviour, who, amidst those who esteemed him not, went about doing good; who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not, but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously.

How appropriate to your present circumstances, beloved Friends, of every age and condition, are the words of the Psalmist, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." How full, how forcible, is the language, "Be still and know that I am God." Should terror prevail, and faith in our Lord and Redeemer seem to be weak, may you sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself, and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread, so shall He be unto you for a sanctuary. So shall the blessedness of those words be felt, "The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

In thus communicating with you in sympathy and as brethren, we are not insensible to our own infirmities. We know full well that it is one thing to have a testimony to the Truth, and a very different thing to maintain that testimony in the hour of perplexity or danger. May our hearts, and may yours, be open to all the instruction which the solemn events passing around you are calculated to convey.

We do not forget that your trials are greatly diversified. We tenderly feel for our dear Friends in the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina, where distress and personal danger, have been, and still may be, ready to overwhelm. May the Lord Almighty be their stay and their defence. Our dear Friends in the other Yearly Meetings are exposed to trials of other kinds. May they be strengthened of the Lord patiently to endure; and may all our beloved Friends, everywhere, cherish feelings of forgiveness, of pity, and of love for those by whom they are now assailed.

It is our prayer that the Most High may in his mercy so control the passions of contending parties that the effusion of blood may be stayed, and that peace, on the only solid basis of righteousness and of truth, may be granted to your distracted land.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting, by

JOSEPH THORP, *Clerk.*

0 mo At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in Sandwich 10th Mo 3rd 1861.

The representatives from each of our monthly Meetings are as follows - Viz - from Sandwich Charity Dillingham, Mary R Wing & Ruth H Baker. Pembroke Maria Brown & Mary Shepherd Dartmouth Mary C Potter, Mary Ann Frances & Sarah Smith - Westport Mary A Gifford, Lydia C Earl & Mary S Macomber - Nantucket Lydia Swain - New Bedford Deborah Taber, Mary Ann Howland, Hannah Tripp & Eliza C Davis - present except one whose absence was caused by indisposition.

The queries were read with answers to the usual three from each of our monthly Meetings.

Transcript of ~~[illegible]~~ accepta. the Epistles from London & Dublin Yearly Meeting of women friends have been read at this time

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude, to meet again if permitted in 12th Mo next in New Bedford

Sarah H Anthony Clerk -

12 Mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 12th Mo 5th 1861.

By accounts received it appears that the following named friends are appointed representatives to this meeting from their respective Mo. Mtgs. - From Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Lois B Gifford & Elizabeth C Wing. - Pembroke Maria Brown & Mary Shepherd - Dartmouth Mary Fisher, Huldah Gifford & Hannah Slade - Westport Rebecca A Church and Phebe Slade - Nantucket Sarah M Easton & Lydia B Mitchell - New Bedford Ruth Almy, Sarah H. Anthony, Eliza Hillard and Phebe S Delano, who being called were present except three for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friends Edward Give from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, Gilbert Congdon from Providence & John Rice from Swanzey Monthly Meeting have been with us at this time presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings their company & religious services have been acceptable to us the Clerk is at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing them with minutes conformable to the above

12 Mo 1861 This meeting in concurrence with the men's unites with Sandwich Monthly meeting in changing the hour of holding their meeting from the eleventh to the tenth hour.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude purposing to meet again (if permitted) in 4th mo next in New-Bedford.

Sarah H Anthony - Clerk -

4 mo 1862. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 4th Month 3rd 1862.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives From Sandwich Elizabeth C Wing, Phebe W Kelley & Deborah Boyce - Pembroke Mary ~~Ann~~ Shepherd & Ruth Ann Shepherd Dartmouth Anna C Almy, Hannah S Slocum & Huldah Gifford Westport - Lydia C Earle & Phebe Slade - Nantucket Lydia Swain - New Bedford Dorcas F Tucker, Lydia Congdon, Hetty E Howland & Mary Gifford - Present except two.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Sarah H. Anthony is reappointed Clerk & Elizabeth C Wing assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

The queries were read with answers thereto from each of our monthly Meetings and a summary compiled from the answers, which with an account is to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Susan Howland, Mary Shove, Hannah Slade, Anna G. Wood, Dorcas F Tucker, Phebe W Kelley, Lydia Dillingham, Mary K. Wing, Lydia C Earle & Rebecca A Church whom we appoint our representatives.

Our esteemed friend Phebe R. Gifford opened to this meeting a concern which had for some time rested with much weight on her mind to visit in Gospel love Friends & others in the Western & Northern parts of Indiana & Western Yearly Meetings and to attend the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Ohio and such other service within its limits as way may open in the truth, which concern after a time of solid consideration was united with and she en-couraged to proceed therein as best wisdom may direct

4 mo 1862. She being a minister in unity with us. The Clerk was directed to sign an endorsement on her certificate from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting conformable to this minute.

A testimony of Nantucket Monthly Meeting concerning our dear deceased friend Christina Macy was read and we have appointed Rachel T Howland, Susan Howland, Anna G Wood & Mercy K Swing to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment in regard to the disposition of it to a future Meeting.

The business brought before the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again (if permitted) in 7th month next at Falmouth. Sarah H Anthony Clerk

7th Mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in Falmouth 7th mo. 3rd 1862.

By accounts received we are informed that the following named friends from each of our monthly meetings have been appointed representatives to this meeting From

Sandwich — Elizabeth H Swing, Betsey Kelley & Betsey Akin,

Pembroke — Maria Brown and Mary Shepherd.

Dartmouth — Hannah S Slocum, Sarah Smith & Hannah Slade.

Westport — Rebecca A Church & Mary S Macomber.

Nantucket — None — New Bedford Mary B. Bradford, Sarah H Anthony, Dolly Bradford, Eliza C Davis & Mary Ann Swing who were present except one a satisfactory reason assigned for her absence.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting informed that they all attended.

The queries were read with answers to the first second & tenth from each of our monthly Meetings.

The Annual report of the Boarding School Committee was received & read, together with a minute of advice from our last Yearly Meeting respecting the vital importance of the right performance of the duty of laboring with an offending brother as alluded to in the 10th query of our discipline both of which were satisfactory to the meeting.

We have in attendance of this meeting our beloved friend William Greene who presented satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Lisburn held 13th day of 2nd mo. 1862 and the Quarterly meeting for the Province of Ulster held at Lisburn in Ireland the 3rd of 3rd month — also one from the Yearly

7th mo. 1862. Meeting of Ministers & Elders for Ireland held in Dublin the 26th of 4th Mo and by adjournments on the 3rd of 5 mo. 1862. expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. his company & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable & encouraging to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Hobson has also been with us at this time with satisfactory testimonials from Gilead Monthly Meeting & Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting his company & religious services have been very acceptable to us. His companion Isaac Stanley with a minute of unity from Upper Springfield Mo. Mtg. Columbiana County Ohio has also been acceptably with us at this time the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing the two last named friends with minutes conformable to the above and sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

The London General Epistle of 1861 has been read, its deeply interesting contents were truly acceptable to us.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th Month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Sarah H. Anthony - Clerk -

10th month At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th Month 2nd 1862.

The representatives from each of our Monthly meetings are as follows viz from Sandwich Phebe T. Kelley, Mary R. Wing & Rebecca Ann Gifford — Pembroke Mary Shepherd & Ruth Ann Shepherd — Dartmouth Hetty Gifford, Huldah Gifford & Mary C. Potter — Westport Mary G. Macomber & Rebecca A. Church — Nantucket Sarah H. Easton & Lydia Swain — New Bedford Anna G. Wood, Mary Bradford, Hannah Tripp & Mary Ann Howland — who were present except four for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were given.

In the absence of the Clerk Dorcas F. Tucker is appointed to that service for the day.

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1862.

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report: That they have given attention to their appointment, during the past year, and feel justified in stating, that the various concerns of the Institution have been conducted in a satisfactory manner.

For the Summer term, 83 scholars were admitted, viz. 53 males and 30 females; and for the winter term 119, viz. 74 males, and 45 females.

The officers of the school have been, Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing.

The health of the family and pupils has been good, which, under the divine blessing, we believe may in part be attributed to well directed gymnastic exercises which have been systematically pursued.

During the past winter, meetings for divine worship have been satisfactorily held in the school house, on first day mornings, and on first day afternoons, and in the middle of the week the meetings of Friends in the city have been attended.

The accounts of the Institution having been examined, show the following result for the past year.

The receipts for tuition, &c. with $3800 from the income of the permanent fund, have paid the expenses of the school. The remainder of the income has been applied to the payment of interest, insurance, &c., and the liquidation of the debt, ($1500) leaving the Institution free of indebtedness, and a balance of $50,15 in the hands of the Treasurer.

A pretty large expenditure is now required in the outside painting of the buildings in order for their preservation, but we trust this may be made without involving the Institution in any indebtedness.

We propose that the terms commence and continue as last year, and that the charges remain the same, viz. $40 per term, for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in advance. And that $5, additional charge, continue to be made for instruction, either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished at the same price as heretofore.

We again call attention to the "Regulations of the School Committee," which have been approved by the Yearly Meeting and are hereunto annexed.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee,
GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.
Providence, 5th mo. 6th, 1862."

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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After this time, applications for the admission of scholars, will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the meeting of the committee in the 9th month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school, or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in future be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, is to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

While engaged in the review of the state of Society, the vital importance of the right performance of the duty alluded to in the tenth query, was brought impressively before us, and we were feelingly reminded of the course prescribed in the Gospel, upon which our discipline is founded.

First, let the labor with an offending brother be between him and thee alone—then two or three may engage in the work; and if this be unavailing, the aid of the Church may be rightly invoked to exercise its authority, in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. A committee is to be appointed, free from prejudice, moving in the fear of God and in the love of Christ, to labor, in this love and in tenderness, to show the offender the error of his way, and to restore him to the right path; and if all this prove unavailing, then may the Church testify against his evil way, and, for the sake of the cause of Truth, dissolve his connection with our religious body. This course is according to the discipline and usage of our Society; and it is the sense and judgment of this Meeting, that the case must be of a very flagrant nature, in which the Truth would greatly suffer by delay, to justify a more summary proceeding. Friends are entreated to be sure that no root of bitterness exists in their own hearts,—a fatal disqualification for doing good to others. No one can tell how abundant may be the fruits of the labor, bestowed in the love and under the influence of the spirit of Christ, whether they are immediately manifested, or gathered after many days. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye that are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou, also, be tempted."

The Clerk is requested to forward this Minute to subordinate Meetings, to be observed by them.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Mo. 1862 Our Esteemed friend Albert Payson attended this Meeting producing a satisfactory minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting his company and religious labors have been acceptable to us, The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing a returning minute.

The queries were read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings excepting Nantucket which have not been received

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary R. Wing to the Station of Elder the Mens Meeting concurring therein.

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford returned at this time our endorsement to a certificate furnished her by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in 3rd. Month last to perform religious service as therein expressed, and informed the Meeting that the service contemplated had been measurably accomplished, but on account of sickness some of the meetings had not been attended, She also presented satisfactory returning minutes from Ohio Yearly Meeting held at Mount pleasant, and from Lickcreek Monthly Meeting held at Newbury Indiana all of which were acceptable and satisfactory to this Meeting

Our esteemed friend Lemuel Gifford opened in this Meeting a prospect which had rested with him for some time past to make a religious visit in the love of the Gospel, within the limits of Westbury, Purchase, Nine-partners, Stanford & Cornwall Quarterly Meetings and to attend to such other service as more fully expressed in the Certificate furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting which prospect was fully united with and he left at liberty to attend thereto, being a minister with whom we have unity The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in furnishing him with a minute & sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The following extract from Nantucket Mo. Meeting having been read we appoint Rhoda H Taber Mercy H. Wing, Ruth H Baker, Betsy P Howe, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Elizabeth Gifford & Phebe R. Gifford to unite with a similar committee of men friends in considering the subject therein contained & report their views thereon to a future Meeting.

10th Mo. 1862 We believe the time fully come when the attention of the Quarterly Meeting should be called to the condition of this Meeting.

Owing to the age & infirmity of many of our members and the smallness of our number that can convene together in a meeting capacity, we have felt very much straitned in endeavoring to sustain a monthly Meeting reputably to the honor of Truth.

After full deliberation thereon it is our united judgment and desire that the Quarterly Meeting should be informed hereof that they may take the subject into consideration and render such aid and advice as the case demands. The womens Meeting concurring herein. The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute to the quarterly Meeting.

Extracted from the Minutes of Nantucket Monthly Meeting held 9th Month 25th 1862.

Matthew Barney Clerk

We unite with the Men's Meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nathan Wing to the Station of Elder.

The business brought before the Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th Month next in New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk for the day

12 Mo 4th At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12th Mo 4th 1862.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives to this Meeting are Viz from Sandwich Elizabeth C Wing, Ruth H Baker & Charity G Gillingham — Pembroke Maria ~~XXXXXX~~ & Browne & Mary G West Dartmouth Hannah S. Slocum, Phebe H Tucker & Mary Fisher — Westport Mary A Gifford & Lydia C Earle — Nantucket none — New Bedford Rhoda T Gifford, Ruth S Bourne, Sally Bradford and Eliza C Davis — Who being called were all present that were appointed.

The queries were read with answers to the first, second & tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

12 Mo 1862 The committee appointed for the purpose presented the following report viz. To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee to whom was referred in Fourth month last the testimony of Nantucket Monthly Meeting concerning our beloved friend the late Christian Macy, have considered the subject, and are united in believing, that as the principal object of this memorial was probably answered by its being read in the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings, and as an acceptable notice of the life & death of this dear friend has been published in the Annual Monitor, it may not be necessary for the testimony to be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. We would therefore recommend that the Clerk be directed to place the memorial among the records of the Quarterly Meeting. Which we submit to the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

By Susan Howland

New Bedford 12th Mo. 3rd 1862.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friends John Henry Douglass from Dover Monthly Meeting Ohio—and Eli & Sybil Jones from China Mo. Meeting State of Maine—each producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, their company & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

The company of our esteemed friend Eli Harvey with a minute of unity from Springfield Monthly Meeting companion to John Henry Douglass has also been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's meeting in furnishing them with minutes conformably to the above.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned the minute furnished him by his meeting in 10th Mo last and informed that he had been mercifully favored to perform the service to which he apprehended himself called to his own peace & satisfaction. He also presented returning minutes from the Quarterly Meetings of Cornwall, Westbury, Nine partners & Stanford. Also from Chappaqua, Purchase, Amawalk & [illegible] Monthly Meetings, Expressive of his company & religious services having been acceptable.

The business of the Meeting being finished under a renewed sense of Divine favor we conclude proposing to meet again in 4th Month next in New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Sarah H Anthony—Clerk—

4th M.2nd 1863. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford, 4th Month 2nd 1863.

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives, from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Lydia F Bowerman, Elisabeth C King Pembroke Maria Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Mary Fisher, Abigail Gifford, and Hetty S Potter, Westport Deborah C Gifford, and Phebe Slade Nantucket Lydia B Mitchell, and Maria Coleman, New Bedford Rhoda H. Taber Rhoda T Gifford Mary Gifford and Susan G Kempton, who being called were all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, the representatives inform that they have conferred together and are united in proposing Dorcas H Tucker for Clerk and Elisabeth C King for assistant Clerk which is united with by the Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment, Sarah H Anthony having requested to be released after serving the Meeting very acceptably for many years,

The Queries with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read a Summary compiled from the answers which with an account is to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Phebe R. Gifford, Lydia Congdon, Rachel S Howland Elizabeth C King, Sarah M Easton. Maria Coleman, Elisabeth H. Potter, Maria Brown, Rebecca Ann Gifford and Mary G Macomber. whom we appoint our representatives.

The following report from the Committee who were appointed to investigate the Situation of Nantucket Monthly Meeting has been read and approved by this Meeting in concurrence with men friends, and the Committee released from further Service in the case.

To the Quarterly Meeting

The committee appointed on the application of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, report that they have endeavored to investigate the Situation of the pecuniary affairs of that Meeting and have rendered Such advice and assistance as the case admitted of. After a deliberate and careful consideration of the

Situation of the Meeting the Committee were united in judgment that the time for discontinuing it had not arrived but that the well being of friends, on the Island would be promoted and the cause of our Society would not suffer by a continuance of the monthly meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

New Bedford 4th Mo. 2nd 1863 Samuel Brown
Phebe R. Gifford

The business brought before this meeting having been accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th Mo next at Sandwich if permitted.

Dorcas S Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women friends held at Falmouth 7th Mo. 2nd 1863

7 m 1863 By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives, From Sandwich Tamzin Gifford, Mary Eldrid, and Betsy Kelly. Pembroke Mary Shepherd, and Maria Brown. Dartmouth Huldah Gifford. Eliza Wing, and Hetty S Potter, Westport Mary S Macomber, and Elizabeth A Slade. New Bedford Sylvia G Howland, Phebe S Delano. Betsy F Wood, Nancy B Dillingham, and Lydia Congdon, who being called are present except one for whose absence a suitable reason was given.

The assistant clerk being absent Ruth S Wood was appointed for the day. The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended with one exception.

The Queries with answers to the 1st. 2nd. and 10th. from each of our Monthly meetings have been read.

We have at this time the company of our Esteemed friends. Thomas Smith from Raisin Monthly Meeting Michigan, and Elwood Ozbun from Salem Monthly Meeting Iowa, presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable and edifying to us.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Boyce attended this meeting presenting a minute of unity from Salem

Monthly meeting. His company and Gospel labors have also been acceptable to the meeting

Our esteemed friends Samuel P Clark from [illegible] Monthly meeting companion to Thomas Smith and Nathan H Bond companion to our friend Elwood Osborn attended this meeting producing acceptable minutes from their monthly meetings. Their company has been acceptable to us

The Clerk is authorised to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing the returning minutes of the above friends

The Annual report of the Boarding School committee has been read and approved.

The business brought before us being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in 12th mo next at Sandwich

Susan [illegible] Clerk

10 Mo 1863

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Sandwich, tenth Month first, 1863,

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from each of our monthly meetings are, from Sandwich Mercy H Atking Lydia M Bowerman, and Ruth H Baker, Pembrok Maria Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartm Elizabeth H Potter, Phebe R Gifford, and Huldah Gifford, Westport Mary A Gifford and Phebe Slo Nantucket Lydia Swain, New Bedford Rhoda T Gifford, Susan G Kempton, Betsy P Ward, Mary B Bradford and Gulielma W Howland who being called were all present,

In the absence of the assistant Clerk Ruth S Wood was appointed for the day.

The Queries have been read with answers to the first, Second, and tenth, from each of our Monthly meetings. By accounts received from Nantucket Monthly Meeting we are informed that Rachel Swain an Elder deceased 4 of 9 mo 1863 aged 91 years 8 months and 8 days.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland in a weighty manner informed this Meeting that

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1863.

"To the Yearly Meeting:—

The committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that they have attended to their appointment, and have much satisfaction in being able to state that it is in a prosperous condition, and that the administration of its various concerns has been such as to meet their approval.

The number of pupils admitted into the School, for the summer term, was 87, viz., 53 males and 34 females; for the winter term, 166, viz., 98 males and 68 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley and Eliza P. Smiley, Principals; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; John F. Rowell, Rebecca H. Smiley and Ruth P. Nichols, Teachers of English branches; Rufus Read, Teacher of Mathematics; Charles R. Paine, Assistant Teacher of Greek and Latin; Alfred Gaudelet, Teacher of French; Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. In the summer term, Rebecca D. Wing, and in the winter term, Bessie T. Wing were employed on account of the delicate health of Rebecca H. Smiley.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the School house on First day mornings, which have been uniformly satisfactory; and the scholars continue to attend meetings of Friends in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been generally very good, except that in the early part of the winter term it was interrupted by one or two cases of diphtheria, and several cases of pneumonia, one of which early assumed the typhoid form and proved fatal, in the person of Daniel Heustis Chace, of Bristol, Rhode Island, a young man nearly 21 years of age, son of Daniel and Harriet Chace. This dispensation of Divine Providence was thus noticed in the minutes of the committee:—"The removal by death of one of the pupils, above referred to, introduced us into a renewed and solemn sense of the uncertainty of life, and in this feeling our hearts were exercised in sympathy for the bereaved relatives, in the humble trust that they mourn not as those without hope, and that our Heavenly Father may be a present help in their severe affliction."

At our meeting in the 9th month, we received the following communication from our friend, Jacob Metcalf:—

"Providence, 9th mo. 10th, 1862.

To the Committee of New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School.

Dear Friends:

My father, Ebenezer Metcalf, having in his will bequeathed to the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, after my decease, under circumstances therein specified, sixty-five shares of the capital stock of the Manufacturers Bank, in Providence, (par value $6,500); one hundred and twenty shares of the Phenix Bank, Providence, (par value $6,000), one hundred shares of the New England Pacific Bank, Pawtucket; (par value $5,000); and one hundred shares of North Providence Bank, (par value, $5,000), for the education of poor children, in that Institution; and being desirous, in my lifetime, to contribute to the object contemplated by my dear father, I have this day authorized the Treasurer of the School fund to receive the dividends from the stocks above enumerated until otherwise ordered by me, to be applied as directed in said will, a copy of which, so far as relates to this bequest, I herewith present, reserving to myself the right of designating any child or children whom I may desire to receive the benefit of a part of said income, they being admitted subject to the Rules and Regulations of the School.

With my best wishes for the prosperity of the Institution,

I am your friend,
JACOB METCALF."

Upon receiving the foregoing communication, the following minute was placed upon our records, viz.:—

"This generous and liberal donation from our friend, Jacob Metcalf, is gratefully received by us, and we trust it will prove a blessing to many of the youth within our Yearly Meeting. We accept it as an evidence, on the part of our friend, of a desire to promote the best interests of those who need a helping hand in obtaining an education to qualify them for usefulness in the world, and desire that the benevolent donor may be blessed in his deed."

During the past year, a neat and convenient Astronomical Observatory has been erected on the School premises, and furnished with a telescope, transit instrument and clock; the expense of these instruments being mostly defrayed by the subscription of a few friends. The object aimed at is to give the scholars generally an opportunity of observing some of the more common and striking telescopic phenomena of the heavens, and more especially, to provide for those pursuing the study of Astronomy an opportunity of working practical problems by means of well-constructed instruments of moderate power. The more advanced pupils are accustomed to the free use of the instruments, and it is believed that in this way the study of Astronomy will be made more thorough and attractive.

By the report of the committee to examine the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole expenses for the past year have been defrayed by receipts from board and tuition, the products of the farm and fifty-two hundred dollars received from the Treasurer of the School fund, and that a balance of one hundred and one dollars remains in his hands. A large expenditure was required in painting the house and erecting the observatory, and further expenditures will soon be necessary for keeping the buildings in good repair. Notwithstanding this, and the greatly enhanced cost of all articles of consumption, we think it will be safe, under the prudent and skilful management of our Principals, to propose that prices for pupils remain the same as last year, viz.: $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or the scholars are sent at the charge and expense of such members; and $100 for any others, payable in all cases in advance, and that $5 additional charge continue to be made for instruction either in the ancient languages, in French or in Drawing, and that books and stationery be furnished as heretofore.

In conclusion, we may state that moral and religious instruction, including, especially, a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, has, we think, been faithfully attended to, and the pupils generally have given evidence of interest in these important exercises; and we thankfully trust that this Institution continues to be remembered by Him whose blessing alone can sustain us.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th mo. 12th, 1863.

Note.—The summer term, 1863, closes the 30th of 9th month.

The winter term, 1863–4, commences on fourth day, the 4th of 11th month, and cl[illegible] the 23d of 3d month, 1864.

The summer term of 1864 commences fourth day, the 4th of 5th month.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils and all others visiting the School will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

she believed it to be in the way of her duty to attend in Gospel love the ensuing Yearly Meeting of Baltimore and to visit meetings and families constituting it as way may open for in the truth, as set forth in a certificate furnished her by New Bedford Monthly Meeting, after a season of deliberation the prospect was feelingly united with and she set at liberty to proceed therein being a minister in unity. The Clerk is directed to sign her Certificate on behalf of this Meeting.

The business of this Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th Month next in New Bedford if permitted.

Dorcas S Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at
(2,1) New Bedford 12th Month 3rd 1843

By accounts received from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named, are from Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Elizabeth Ewing, Charity Wellingham, Pembroke Maria Bowers, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth Hannah Slade, Hannah [illegible], and Abigail Gifford, Westport Lydia C Earle, and [illegible] Allen Nantucket none, New Bedford, Ruth S Wood, Mary Gifford, Eliza C Davis and Phebe S Delano, who being named were present except three for whose absence a suitable reason was given. The assistant Clerk being absent Anna G Wood was appointed for the day.

Our Esteemed friend Obadiah Chace attended this Meeting presenting a minute of unity from Swansey Monthly Meeting which with his company and religious service have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in furnishing him with a returning minute and sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th, from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Susan Howland returned the minute furnished her by this this Meeting in 10th Month last accompanied with a minute from Baltimore Yearly Meeting certifying that her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to them.

which with the account given of her visit was very satisfactory to the Meeting. Interesting and lively Epistles from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings of Women friends have been read and were acceptable.

The business having been gone through we have closed in conclusion proposing to meet again if permitted in 4th month next at New Bedford.

Dorcas S. Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 4th Mo 7th 1864.

By accounts received we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives viz From Sandwich Betsey Akin, Charity G. Dillingham and Elizabeth C. Terry, Pembroke Maria Brown and Meribah Shepherd. Dartmouth — Mary C. Potter Elizabeth H. Potter and Maria B. Smith. Westport Abby Macomber and Phebe [illegible]. Nantucket none. New Bedford Sarah H. Anthony. Mary Gifford. Eliza [illegible] and Rhoda G. Gifford, who are all present,

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed the representatives informed that they were united in proposing the reappointment of Dorcas S. Tucker for Clerk and of Elizabeth C. Terry for assistant — which being united with by the Meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment. Dorcas S. Tucker being prevented by indisposition from being present at this time Sarah H. Anthony is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Queries with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings (except Nantucket from which no account has been received) have been read and a summary compiled from the answers which with an account is to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Ruth H. Baker, Anna G. Wood, Phebe W. [illegible], Mary Gifford, Susan Howland, Charity G. Dillingham, Meribah Shepherd. Mary G. Bradford. Huldah Gifford

Mary C. Pottie and Phebe Slade whom we have appointed to attend as our representatives.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Boyce attended this meeting and presented a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with his ministry and present religious engagements. his company & religious labors have been acceptable to us the Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in furnishing him with a minute conformable to the above & sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again in 5th Mo next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Sarah H. Anthony, Clerk for the day

5 m 64 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 5th Mo 7th 1864.

accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named therein to attend this meeting are, from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Betsy Kelly, Charity G. Moore, Nantucket, Mary Shepherd, and [illegible],

Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Hannah [illegible], and Maria B. Smith, Westport Mary A. Gifford and Elizabeth A. Slade. [illegible] no appointment — New Bedford Anna [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], and Susan G. Kempton who being called were present except one.

Our beloved friends Elizabeth Comstock of Rollin Monthly Meeting Michigan Elisa Brown of West Lake Monthly Meeting Canada West, attended this meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Monthly meetings expressing unity with their ministry and present religious engagements their company and Gospel labors have been [illegible] acceptable and edifying.

Our beloved friends Deborah [illegible] companion to our friend Elizabeth Comstock and Elisa H. Brown

Companion to our friend Eliza Brown have been with us at time with minutes of unity from their Monthly meeting their company and Solid deportment have been Satisfactory.

Our Esteemed friends David Hunt of Honey Creek Monthly Meeting Iowa Aaron Benedict of Alum Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, Cornelius Douglass of Green Monthly Meeting Ohio, William H Potter of Elba Monthly Meeting State of New York, and James Jones of China Monthly Meeting State of Maine have been in attendance of this Meeting they presented Certificates from their respective Monthly Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagements their company and religious Services have been acceptable to us

Our Esteemed friends Elijah Hayworth Companion to our friend Cornelius Douglass and Phebe W Benedict Companion to her husband Aaron L Benedict attended this meeting with minutes of unity from their Monthly Meetings their company and exemplary deportment has been Satisfactory, The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens Meeting to sign on behalf of this returning minutes for the above named friends.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read

The representatives to the Quarterly Meeting report they attended except two who were prevented from doing so by indisposition.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit

Dorcas L Tucker Clerk

10.M 64 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held 6 of 10th month 1849

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives from each of our monthly meetings are from Sandwich Betsy Akin, Elizabeth C. Wing, Huldah Gifford 2d and Elizabeth Tillinghast, [illegible] Shepherd, and Ruth Ann Shep[illegible] [illegible] Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible] Wing, and Phebe [illegible] Gifford, Westport [illegible] and Mary C. Allen. Nantucket no appointment [illegible] Ruth S. Rand, Hetty C. [illegible], Hannah Tripp, and Susan G. Kempton, who being named were present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friend Martha Meader attended this meeting producing a satisfactory minute from the Weare Monthly Meeting [illegible] her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Daniel and Mary Beede attended this meeting companions to our friend Martha Meader presenting a minute of unity from the Committee of Seabrook Monthly Meeting their company and solid deportment have been satisfactory.

Our beloved friend Jonathan Devol attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] State of New York, his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

We have also the acceptable company of Mary Jane Devol companion to her husband Jonathan Devol with a minute of unity from Moreau Monthly Meeting State of New York, The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting to furnish the above named friends with ~~[illegible]~~ minutes conformable to the above and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Queries have been read with answers to the [illegible] and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of the meeting being closed we concluded proposing to meet again in 12 Month next if permitted

Dorcas [illegible] Clerk

[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 12th month 1st 1864

By accounts received from each of our monthly meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives from Sandwich, Sarah S Berriman, Sally Hedway, and Betsy Aiken. Pembroke Maria Brown and Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Rhoda Howland, Mary Ann Francis, Hannah S [illegible], and Hannah Slade. Westport Huldah Davis, and Elizabeth A Slade, Nantucket no appointment. New Bedford Sarah H Anthony, Betsy P Wood, Ruth S Wood, and Phebe S Delano, who being called were present except one, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

In the absence of the assistant Clerk Anna G Wood was appointed for the day.

The Queries were read with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend William Gifford informed this Meeting that he believed it was required of him to visit in Gospel love within the limits of Westbury and Purchase Quarterly Meetings, as set forth in a certificate furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. after a season of deliberation his prospect was united with, and he left at liberty to attend thereto as best wisdom may direct, being a minister in unity.

The Clerk is left at liberty to sign a minute furnished him on behalf of this Meeting.

The business of the business of the Meeting having been brought to a close we conclude to [illegible] to meet again in fourth month next in New Bedford the Lord permitting

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

4.M 65 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 4th Month 6th 1865.

By accounts received we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as our representatives viz, from Sandwich Lydia B. Dillingham, Margaret Wood, and Elizabeth C. Wing. Pembroke Maria Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth Eliza Almy, Phebe R. Gifford, and Eliza M. Cornwell. Westport Esther A. Macomber, and Mary S. Macomber. Nantucket Lydia Swain and Sarah Swain. New Bedford Sarah H. Anthony, Lydia G. Howland, Ruth S. Wood and Eliza C. Davis. all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed; the representatives informed they were united in the reappointment of Dorcas S. Tucker for Clerk and Elizabeth C. Wing for assistant Clerk. which being united with they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from each of our Monthly Meetings and a Summary compiled from the answers which with an account are to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting by our friends Ann Shove, Anna G. Wood, Lydia Congdon, Susan G. Kempton, Betsy P. Wood, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Mercy K. Wing, Lydia Swain, Phebe R. Gifford, Elizabeth H. Potter, Rebecca A. Church, and Lois S. Gifford whom we appoint our representatives.

Our beloved friend Nathan Douglas attended this meeting producing a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting State of Maine. his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens Meeting in furnishing him with a returning minute similar to the above.

The minute of our esteemed friend William Gifford which was furnished him by this Meeting in 12th month last has been returned accompanied with minutes from Amawalk and Chappaqua Monthly Meetings testifying that his company and Gospel labors had been acceptable to friends

1865 of those meetings. We are informed that he returned his minute to his monthly meeting and informed friends he had performed the service for which he was liberated to the peace of his own mind. Our dear friend peacefully passed away soon after his mission was accomplished.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 7th M next at Falmouth if permitted,

Dorcas P Tucker Clerk.

7 m 65 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Womens friends held in Falmouth 6th of 7th month 1865,

By accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as representatives viz. from Sandwich Sarah S. Bowman, Mary Ann Hatway, and Ruth H Baker. Pembroke Mary Shepherd, and Maria Dunn. Dartmouth Hannah S Slocum, Elisabeth H Potter, Hetty S Potter and Jane G Fisher. Westport Esther A Macomber and Mary S Macomber. Nantucket no appointment. New Bedford Sarah H Anthony, Anna G Wood, Ruth S Wood and Mary Ann King. Who being called were present

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended. The Queries with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read. The Annual report of the boarding school committee has been read and is satisfactory.

Our beloved friends William Haughton of Raysville Monthly Meeting Indiana. Edmund McDoland of Scipio Monthly Meeting New York and Levi Knowles of Farnham Monthly Meeting Canada East attended this meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagement. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends William K. Sabin of Scipio Monthly meeting a minister accompanying our friend Edmund McDoland and Simeon Stephens of Moreau Monthly Meeting companion to Levi Knowles have been with us at this time producing minutes of unity from their respective meetings their company has been ~~satis~~ satisfacto

The clerk is left at liberty to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing returning minutes for the above named friend

YEARLY MEETING, SIXTH MONTH, 1865.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee appointed to Superintend the Boarding School during the past year, report: that, in the Summer Term of the School, there were in attendance, one hundred and twenty-three pupils, viz: sixty-nine males and fifty-four females, and in the Winter term, one hundred and thirty, viz.: eighty-one males and forty-nine females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell, and Amey E. Johnson, Teachers in the English Branches; Elijah Cook, Teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, Teacher of Ancient and Modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, Teacher of Drawing. Under this organization a satisfactory progress has been made in the varied departments of literary and scientific knowledge.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School House on First day mornings, and have been seasons of solemnity and interest; and the scholars continue to attend Friends Meeting in the city on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures has been promoted by daily readings, and exercises on the First day of the week, and the considerate and orderly deportment of the scholars generally, and the evidences afforded by not a few, of a growth in the highest knowledge, has afforded us much satisfaction.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been remarkably good during the past year, which, under a blessing, we think may in part be attributed to the careful daily attention to gymnastic exercises.

By the report of the committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended, Thirty-one hundred and twenty-five dollars, ($3,125).

By a circular minute from our Meeting for Sufferings held at Lynn, in the 8th month last, all of our Monthly Meetings were informed of the decision of that Meeting to advance the price for tuition; and the rates then established took effect on the beginning of the Winter term as follows:—For members of this Yearly Meeting, $100 per term; For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $130 per term; and for any others who may be admitted, $160 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German and Drawing, as heretofore. It was with reluctance that the apparent necessary increase in the price was resorted to, and we desire that it may be reduced at the earliest possible time; but as we are not now prepared to make any definite suggestions, we would propose to the Yearly Meeting, to commit the subject to the Committee that may be entrusted with the charge of the Boarding School for the ensuing year, to make such timely changes as may appear best, upon mature consideration, and after further developments of the cost of provisions, &c.

In conclusion we gratefully believe that our Boarding School is increasing its means and opportunities of usefulness. We are, however, solemnly reminded, that all our blessings are dependent upon the Father of Mercies. May not, therefore, all who are interested, unite in the desire that His favor and protection may be continued from generation to generation, through Him who is head over all things to the Church?

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,

GILBERT CONGDON, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 5th Month, 9th, 1865.

Note.—Summer term for 1865 closes 9th Mo. 27th.
Winter term for 1865, opens, 11th Mo. 1st, 1865,
Closes, 3d Mo. 21st, 1866.
Summer term for 1866, opens, 5th Mo. 2d.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

As the number that can be admitted into the School is limited, it is necessary that the committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the School, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received. Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, in season to be laid before the committee at their meetings held in the *third* and *ninth* months. At these meetings, applications for members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which they will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications for the benefit of the "charitable fund," or of "the Jacob Metcalf donation," will also be determined at the times above specified, and in all these cases, information is desired of the age, moral habits and literary acquirements of the applicants, to aid the committee in deciding upon them.

It is expected, and earnestly desired, that *all* the scholars shall be at the School punctually, at the commencement of the term, for the prompt organization of classes; but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the School, or to give the notice above specified, will be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the committee; and in all cases of pupils being admitted for the term and attending the School, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and all others visiting the School, will be expected to defray the expense arising therefrom to the Institution.

All applications for admission are to be made to the Principals.

Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

10 65 The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude
proposing to meet again in tenth month next at Sandwich if
permitted. Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women friends held in
Sandwich 10th month 5th 1865

The representatives from each of our monthly meetings are from
Sandwich Elizabeth C Wing, Elizabeth H Wing, and Sarah R
Gifford, Pembroke Mary Shepherd, and Lydia G Randall.
Dartmouth Phebe R Gifford, Mary Fisher, Eliza Almy, and
Maria B Smith, Westport Rebecca A Church, Mary T Macomber. Nantucket Lydia Swain, New Bedford Hannah S
Wing, Ruth S Wood, Dorcas F Tucker, and Elisabeth H Wood
who being named were present except three for the absence
of these satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th, from each of our
monthly meetings have been read. Our beloved friend
Abigail M Hanson from Seabrook monthly meeting New hampshire
and Martha Austin from Unity monthly meeting State of Maine
attended this meeting presenting satisfactory certificates from their
respective meetings. their company and Gospel labors have been
acceptable. Our beloved friends Joseph Tabor and Lydia
R Tabor from Unity monthly meeting companion to our friend
Martha Austin. and Thomas Folsom of Seabrook monthly
meeting companion to our friend Abigail M Hanson attended
this meeting each presenting minutes of unity from their respective monthly meetings their company and exemplary deportment have been satisfactory. The clerk is left at liberty
to sign returning minutes for the above named friends.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford opened in
this meeting a prospect which had rested with him for some
months past to make a religious visit in Gospel love in the
Southern part of New York Yearly meeting to visit and appoint
some meetings as more fully set forth in the certificate furnished
him by Sandwich monthly meeting, and also to perform some religious service in the four Southern Quarterly meetings of New England
Yearly meeting. which prospect claiming the consideration of
this meeting was fully united with and he left at liberty to
attend thereto being a minister in unity. the clerk is authorised
to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing him

12th Mo 1865 with a minute conformable to the above and sign it on behalf of this meeting, The business of the meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th mo in New Bedford if permitted.

Dorcas S. Tucker Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 12th Month 7th 1865

By accounts received from our respective monthly meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives. From Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth C. Wing and Lydia B. Dillingham, Rochester Maria Bowen, & Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Huldah Gifford Hannah T. Slocum, and Elizabeth H. Potter, Westport Ruth Slade & Mary E. Allen, Nantucket no appointment New Bedford Ann H. Dunbar, Sarah H. Anthony, Betsy G. Wood & Susan G. Kempton who being named were present except one.

The queries with answers to 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Thomas Smith has attended this Meeting with a minute from Vassalborough Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a Minister and his present religious engagements his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing him with a copy of this minute and sign it on behalf of of this meeting.

The business brought before us being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in New Bedford in 4th mo next if permitted

Dorcas S. Tucker Clerk

4o. Mo 66

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bed-ford 4th Month 5 1866.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named therein to attend this Meeting are as follows from Sandwich Betsy Akin, Mary Hoag, and Ruth Holway. Pembroke Maria Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Mary Ann Francis, Mary Fisher, Maria B Smith and Mary C. Potter, Westport Ann S Allen, and Phebe Slade. Nantucket no appointment, New Bedford, Sarah K. Anthony, Selima H Howland Phebe S Delano and Susan S Kempton, all present

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives through one of their number propose Dorcas P Tucker for Clerk and Elisabeth C Wing for assistant Clerk which proposition was united with and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment

The Queries were read in this Meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives Sarah K. Anthony, Dorcas P Tucker, Susan Tabor, Betsy Akin, Phebe K Gifford, Maria B Smith, Sarah S Bowerman, Phebe S Delano, Elizabeth Ann Slade, and Rebecca A Church,

A testimony from New Bedford Monthly Meeting concerning our late deceased friend Ruth Davis has been read and approved in concurrence with the mens Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf

The business of this meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in 7th Month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Dorcas P. Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held
at Falmouth
7th Month 5th 1866,

By the reports received from our

[illegible] Monthly meetings it appears the following named
friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from
Sandwich Rebecca A Gifford, Ruth H Baker, & Mary H Wing.
Pembroke Maria Brown, and Mary Shepherd.
Falmouth Elizabeth H Potter, Hetty S Potter, & Maria B Smith.
Westport Lydia Gifford, and Elizabeth Ann Slade.
Nantucket Lydia Swain and Sarah Swain,
New Bedford Sarah H Anthony, Susan S Tripp, [illegible]
Wood and Susan T Kempton who being called were
present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons
were given.

The Clerk being absent Sarah H Anthony was
appointed Clerk for the day.

The representatives to the yearly meeting [illegible] report
that they attended except one who has [illegible] a sufficient
reason for her absence.

Our beloved friends Deborah C Thomas
from Baltimore Monthly meeting, John S Eddy from
Kingston Monthly meeting Canada West, Eli Jessup of
Springbrook Monthly meeting Iowa, and Daniel H [illegible]
from Butternuts Monthly meeting New York have been
with us at this time each presenting satisfactory testi-
-monials from their respective Meetings their company and
Gospel labors have been truly acceptable.
Our beloved friend Mary Eddy from Kingston Monthly meeting
who accompanies her husband John S Eddy, and [illegible]
[illegible]
Eli Jessup attended this meeting each with minutes from
their meetings. [illegible]
have been satisfactory. The Clerk was directed to unite
with the Clerk of the Mens meeting in furnishing the above
[illegible] with minutes expressive of the [illegible]
as they relate to each & sign them on behalf of this meeting.
The [illegible] with answers to the [illegible]

YEARLY MEETING,

SIXTH MONTH, 1866.

"To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends,—The Committee appointed to superintend the Boarding School, during the past year, report, that in the summer term of the School there were in attendance one hundred and ten pupils, viz.: sixty-seven males and forty-three females; and in the winter term, one hundred and sixty-four, viz.: ninety-nine males and sixty-five females.

The officers of the Institution have been: Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Associate Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Bessie T. Wing, Mary A. Cornell and Amey E. Johnson, teachers in the English branches; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern Languages; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Under this organization, which has continued the same as it was at our last report, the interests of the Institution, in every respect, have received careful and satisfactory attention.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the School house, on First day mornings; and we reverently trust, through Divine mercy, these religious opportunities have been blessed. The scholars continue to attend Friends' Meeting, in the city, on First day afternoons and in the middle of the week. The Holy Scriptures have been daily read in a collective capacity, and a knowledge of their invaluable contents has been further promoted by class exercises.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been uncommonly good during the past year. Careful and regular gymnastic exercises have continued to claim the attention of the officers of the schools. On the 12th of 8th month, one of the pupils, Eugene Ball, son of Nicholas Ball, of New Shoreham, R. I., fell from a tree receiving internal injury which resulted in death about eight hours after. The following minute concerning this impressive event was made on our records: 'We note, with feelings of solemn interest, the information conveyed in the report from the Principal, of the sudden removal from time to eternity of a dear pupil. While we sympathize with the afflicted family of the deceased, we are comforted in the trust, that through the mercy of God in Jesus Christ, their sore bereavement is his great gain.'

By the report of the Committee to examine and settle the accounts of the Institution, it appears that the whole income for the past year exceeds the amount expended by five thousand dollars, which enables us to propose a reduction in the prices of admission.

Under the authority given us by the Yearly Meeting last year, we forwarded in the 9th month, copies of a printed circular to all of our Monthly Meetings, informing of a reduction in the rates of admission, which took effect at the beginning of the winter term, as follows, viz.: 'For members of our Yearly Meeting, $65 per term; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $100 per term, and for any others who many be admitted, $150 per term. The same additional charges of five dollars for Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing, as heretofore.'

The subject of the present division of the school year into two terms, with vacations of nearly equal length in the spring and autumn, has claimed our careful consideration. This arrangement continues the school in operation during all the warm season of the year, when study cannot be pursued advantageously, nor without the risk of affecting the health. From many parents we have received the expression of a desire that a change might be made, and, as far as we know, it would be satisfactory to all. After mature deliberation, we have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting that the academical year in 1867 should commence on the first Fourth day in the ninth month, and continue twenty weeks, to be succeeded by a second period of twenty weeks, after a recess of two weeks. It is very desirable that the pupils should enter for the full year, as they would receive much greater proportional advantages than by continuing but half of the time. While we earnestly recommend this course, when practicable, we do not propose at present that it should be made obligatory, but that liberty should be granted for withdrawal from the school at the commencement of the recess, when application is made therefor at the time of admission. The ensuing year must necessarily be exceptional. The present term closes on Fourth day, the 26th of 9th month, and the school re-opens on Fourth day, the 31st of 10th month; and we propose it should continue sixteen weeks, and, after a recess of two weeks, re-assemble and continue sixteen weeks more, closing on Fourth day, the 26h of 6th month, 1867.

The charge for the ensuing school year of thirty-two weeks we propose should be as follows, one half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the re-opening after the recess, viz.: For members of our Yearly Meeting, $96; for members of other Yearly Meetings, and when one or both parents are members of our religious Society, or scholars are sent at the charge of such, $150; and for any others who may be admitted, $240. An additional charge of $10 for instruction in Latin and Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Applications for admission into the school for the next school year, should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 25th of 9th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the 'Charitable Fund,' or of the 'Jacob Metcalf Donation,' should apply at the time above specified; and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants. Applications for admission are to be made to the Principals. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal of Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

In a review of the past year, we do gratefully acknowledge that we have had evidence that our Heavenly Father has remembered us, and that the Institution continues to be a blessing to many.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee.

GILBERT CONGDON, Clerk.

Providence, 5th month 8th, 1866."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.

Samuel Boyd Tobey, Clerk.

and six from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read. Also the annual report of our Yearly Meeting's Boarding School Committee has been read and is satisfactory to the meeting.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned the minute granted him in 12th month last accompanied with minutes from New York Yearly Meeting, Westbury, Shrewsbury, Stamford, Purchase, Cornwall and Smithfield Quarterly Meetings also one from each of the Monthly Meetings of Chappaqua & Purchase expressive of his company and religious services having been acceptable to friends of those meetings, and informed that he had been enabled to perform the service to which he apprehended himself called to his own peace and satisfaction.

Phebe R. Gifford, Rhoda H. Tabor, Ruth Baker, Anna G. Wood, Lois B. Gifford and Ruth S. Wood are appointed to unite with a committee of men friends to take under consideration the reduced state of some of our small Monthly Meetings, and as way may open [illegible] and render them such advice and assistance as which may be given and report to this meeting.

The [illegible] Epistle of 1865 has been read

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in [illegible].

Sarah H. Anthony Clerk for the day

66 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10th Month 4th 1866

From accounts received from each of our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, viz from Sandwich Ruth H. Baker, Sarah B. Tring, and Elisabeth Gifford, Westport Rebecca A. Church and Elisabeth A. Slade. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth Elisabeth H. Potter Mary Fisher Elisabeth Lawrence, and Hetty S. Potter. Nantucket, Lydia [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 11th [illegible] Monthly Meetings [illegible];

Our beloved friend Martha Austin attended this meeting with a satisfactory certificate from Unity Monthly Meeting endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting her company and Gospel [illegible]

Our beloved friends Joseph Baker and his wife Lydia K Baker companions to our friend Martha Austin attended this meeting each presenting satisfactory minutes from their Monthly Meeting. Their company and exemplary deportment have been satisfactory. The Clerk is left at liberty to sign returning minutes for the [illegible].

appearance in the minutes of Lois B Gifford and Charity Dillingham opposite side

[illegible]

consideration the situation of that Monthly Meeting and [illegible] the case to a future Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible]

We conclude, proposing to meet again in 12th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

[illegible] At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12th month 2nd, [illegible]

By accounts received we are informed that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives from Sandwich Sally Holway, Lydia B Dillingham, [illegible] Edith H. Baker, Pembroke Maria Brown, [illegible] Falmouth Eliza Nye, Eliza Hull, Eliza [illegible] [illegible] Westport [illegible] Nantucket no appointment. New Bedford Lydia [illegible] Rowland, Ann H. [illegible], Sarah H. [illegible] and [illegible]

The queries with answers to the first, second [illegible]

[illegible] in acceptance company, [illegible] belonged,
[illegible] from Nantucket Monthly Meeting, [illegible]
[illegible] as read at our Quarterly Meeting in [illegible]
[illegible] again been read at this [illegible]; his company and
religious labors have been acceptable.

[illegible] unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Charity F. Gillingham and [illegible] [illegible] remaining there.

The joint committee appointed at our Quarterly Meeting in [illegible] Month last to take under consideration the reduced state of Nantucket Monthly Meeting have made the following report which has been read and accepted and it is the conclusion of this Quarterly Meeting to discontinue that Monthly Meeting and annex its members to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] last have had the subject before them and after [illegible]
[illegible] consideration and inquiry into the situation
[illegible] meeting in a view of its weakness from the great
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
discontinued and that a meeting for worship only be held at that place. — It appearing to be their desire, we would propose that their members be annexed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting with which the select members of that meeting have united many years since. The committee would also recommend that the [illegible] now belonging [illegible]
[illegible] annexed to New Bedford [illegible]
[illegible] Meeting with the understanding that it be [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] mentioned and that whatever expense [illegible] [illegible]

incurred [illegible] that meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] advisable that the Quarterly Meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] meeting, [illegible], and to which that meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee.

[illegible]

New Bedford [illegible]

William C. Taber
David R. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Sherman
Charles R. Tucker
[illegible]
[illegible]
Rachel S. Howland
[illegible] Congdon
[illegible] P. Wood

[illegible] the yearly meeting of Women Friends held [illegible] has been read to [illegible]

A report [illegible] from the executive committee appointed by our yearly meeting [illegible] the freed people of color, has been read [illegible] satisfactory.

The business of this meeting being finished [illegible] to meet again at New Bedford in seventh month next if permitted.

4th Mo 1867 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4th Mo 4th 1867

Accounts being received from each of our Monthly meetings the representatives named to attend are as follows Sandwich Mary Hoag, Sally Holway, and Hannah P Kelly. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Mary Trust. Dartmouth Elizabeth H Potter, Patience T Potter and Maria B Smith Westport Mary A Gifford and Mary T Macomber

New Bedford Rhoda H Taber, Rachel S Howland Eliza C Davis and Betsey P Wood representatives all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed the representatives through one of their number informed that they were united in proposing Dorcas P Tucker for Clerk and Elizabeth C Ewing for assistant which being united with by the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the year ensuing or untill another appointment.

Our beloved friend Mary Eliott attended this meeting presenting Satisfactory certificate from Goshen Monthly Meeting Endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting Ohio expressing unity with her as a minister and her present religious engagements her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Mary Wood Companion to our friend Mary Eliott attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Gilead Monthly Meeting Ohio her company and solid deportment have been Satisfactory. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in furnishing them with minutes conformable to the above as they relate to each respectively.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives to which service we appoint Rhoda H Taber, Sylvia G Howland, Elizabeth C Ewing Maria B Smith Phebe R Gifford, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Lois B Gifford, Almira F Davis and Rebecca A Church.

The company and Gospel labors of our dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones have been truly acceptable at this time.

We are informed that Mary Shepherd an Elder and member of Pembroke monthly Meeting deceased 1. Mo. 22. 1857 aged 78 years, 6 months and 21 days.

The business brought before us being accomplished we trust in a measure under the overshadowing of Divine love we conclude proposing to meet again in 7th Mo next at Falmouth

Dorcas P Tucker Clerk

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At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held at Fa
7 month 4th 1867

The representatives from each of our monthly meeti are from Sandwich Hannah [illegible] King, Mary S Eldred and Mary R King. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd Dart Eliza [illegible], Eliza [illegible]. [illegible] Gifford and Elizabeth S Lawrence, Westport Elizabeth Ann Slade [illegible] Church, and Mary S Macomber. New Bedford Lyd Congdon, Betsy G Wood, Sarah H Anthony and Mary B Ba they being called were present except three for the absence one a satisfactory reason was given.

In the absence of the assistant Clerk Charity G Dillin was appointed for the day.

The representatives to the yearly meeting attended agreeable to appointment,

Our beloved friends Edith Griffith from [illegible] meeting Ohio, Hannah S Frye from Marlborough Monthly Meeting State of New York Sarah [illegible] [illegible] B. K. [illegible] Greenwich Monthly Meeting [illegible] Macomber from Fa [illegible] monthly meeting [illegible] [illegible] Grove monthly meeting Missouri, have been in attendance of this meeting each presenting [illegible] certificates from their respective meetings expressing unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagements their company and labors have been truly acceptable to us,

We have also in attendance our beloved friends [illegible] and H White companions to our friend Sarah [illegible] [illegible] companions to our friend Hannah S [illegible] and Amos Griffith who accompanies his wife Edith Griffith they have presented satisfactory minutes from their several meetings, which with their company have been satisfactory. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnis the above named friends with returning minutes conformable to the above and sign them on behalf of this meeting. The Queries with answers to the

YEARLY MEETING

6TH MONTH, 1867.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: The Committee in charge of the Boarding School report, that during the Summer Term of 1866, there were in attendance 136 pupils, viz: 88 males and 48 females. In the Autumn half Term, 178, viz: 102 males and 76 females.

The officers of the Institution have been,—Albert K. Smiley, Principal; Alfred H. Smiley, Assistant Principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of the Female Department; John F. Rowell, Sarah F. Coffin, and Mary A. Cornell, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of Ancient and Modern Languges; Elijah Cook, teacher of Mathematics; and Mary A. Potter, teacher of Drawing. Sarah A. Taber and Alice R. Wing, have also been employed as teachers of English branches during a portion of the past year. Under this organization, which it will be observed is nearly the same as for several years past, the affairs of the School have been carefully and satisfactorily conducted.

During the fore part of the year the arrangements for religious meetings were the same as last year, but the committee believing that the pupils were overtaxed on First days have discontinued the morning meeting at the school, except during inclement weather, and have allowed them to attend the morning meeting as well as the week day meeting in the city. First day afternoons and evenings are devoted to Bible instruction and reading, and the result has, we think, been satisfactory to all concerned.

For some time past the Committee in charge of the School, as well as those more immediately connected therewith, have felt that the present accommodations for pupils are not adequate to promote their health and comfort. Two wants have especially claimed their attention:—1st, that of separate dormitories for the girls instead of the present plan of placing them all in two rooms; 2d, a large Hall or collecting room to be used, under the direction of the committee, for Religious Meetings, Lectures, Public Examinations, Meetings of the Alumni, or other purposes. The largest room in the present building is quite too limited to meet the wants of the School, not being commodious enough to allow of inviting the parents of pupils to be present at the exercises connected with the graduating class.

Accordingly, with the approbation of the Meeting for Sufferings, the Committee have begun the erection of a three story building 126 feet long, with an average width of 45 feet. The first floor contains a Hall capable of seating 400 persons, and adjoining it is a Library and Reading Room, fitted up with alcoves for the reception of books and cases for minerals and other Natural History collections. This room is connected with the Hall by sliding doors, and will enlarge its capacity so that six or seven hundred persons can be comfortably seated. The second and third stories are devoted to girls' dormitories. There are 29 rooms, ranging in size from 9 by 15 feet to 15 feet square, fitted for the reception of two pupils each. Each room is supplied with a large closet and separate means of ventilation. There are also large store closets for bedding, &c. in each of the upper stories, and proper washing apparatus supplied by tanks under the roof. In the basement are rooms for three hot air furnaces, a coal room, a large reservoir cistern to be used in case of fire, and a spacious and convenient cellar. In consequence of the transfer of the minerals and the philosophical and chemical apparatus to the new library and apparatus rooms, and the removal of about fifty-six girls to the new dormitories, much room will be vacated in the present building. It is proposed to devote a part of this space on the south side of the building to increasing the limited accommodations for the sick. The present nurseries are on the north side of the house, exposed to the noise of the boys' play-ground, and are only suitable to receive patients slightly indisposed. It is very desirable that pupils affected with contagious diseases, or seriously ill from any other cause, should be provided with quiet, well ventilated and sunny rooms, where they can receive careful attention from nurses specially devoted to them. It is proposed to divide off another portion of the room into separate dormitories for the girls, corresponding with those in the new building, and to appropriate the remaining space to increasing the somewhat limited sleeping accommodations of the boys, and to other purposes. It is expected that the building will be ready to be occupied at the opening of the year 1868.

The whole cost, including furnishing, grading grounds, making the required changes in the present building, and all other necessary expenses will be about $42,000. Through the efforts of the Alumni Association, upwards of $10,000 have been very generously contributed by the friends of the School, for the erection of this building. There is also on hand a balance to the credit of the School of about $12,000. It will therefore be necessary to incur a debt of about $20,000, in order to carry out the proposed plans. The financial condition of the school is such as to warrant the belief that the debt can be liquidated in a few years.

By the Report of the Auditing Committee it appears that the income of the School during the present year (ending 6th month 26th, 1867,) will exceed the current expenditure by about $3,000.

The charges for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows, one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one half at the opening after the recess, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,........... ....$150.

For members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars that are sent at the charge of such, ...$190.

For any others that may be admitted,..........................$300.

An additional charge of $10 is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year *only* when application is made therefor at the time of entering.

The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made, primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantages.

Applications for admission into the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 16th of seventh month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund or of the "Jacob Metcalf donation," should apply at the time specified, and in all these cases information is desired of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission, should be made to the Principals.

Address,
ALBERT K. SMILEY,
Principal of Friends Boarding School,
Providence, R. I.

The School Year opens 9th month 4th, 1867.
Recess of two weeks begins 1st month 20th, 1868.
Second half year begins 2d month 3d, 1868.

On behalf of the Committee,
WM. A. ROBINSON,
Clerk for the day.

(From the Minutes of the Meeting.)

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

1867 1st, 2nd and 11th from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read.
A report from the joint Committee appointed in 7 month last to visit as way opened for in the Truth some of our small meetings, has been read and is as follows.

To the Quarterly meeting

The Committee appointed in the Seventh month of last year to visit the Smaller meetings belonging to this Quarter, report that they have as way has opened for it given attention to the service committed to them; and can acknowledge that they have felt a ~~good~~ degree of Satisfaction and encouragement from the visits performed.

An impression still rests with them that usefulness would result from further effort in the same direction, and they would therefore commend the concern as originally presented to the meeting to its continued care. On behalf & by direction of the Committee

West Falmouth
7th Mo 4. 1867

Isaac R Gifford
Rhoda H Taber

The above report has been accepted and the same committee continued with the addition of Sarah K Allen, Lydia Congdon, Charity G Dillingham, and Dorcas F Tucker

The annual report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School has been read and is satisfactory.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude purposing to meet again at Sandwich in tenth month next

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

10 M 67 At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held in Sandwich 10th Mo 3rd 1867.

By the reports received from our several Monthly meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting from, Sandwich Elizabeth Gifford, Sarah B Irving & Margaret Wood, Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth Phebe R Gifford Eliza Hull, and Sarah W Allen, Westport Mary R Gifford and Mary C Allen. New Bedford Sylvia G Howland, Ruth S Wood, Rebecca C Grinnell, and Susan G Kempton who being called were present except three for the absence of those satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd

10th Mo 1867 and 10th from each of our Monthly meetings.

Our beloved friends David Tatum and his wife Hannah S. Tatum from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting and our friend Nathan Douglas, from Durham Monthly Meeting State of Maine have been in attendance of this meeting presenting satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is left at liberty to sign their returning minutes on behalf of this meeting.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th Mo next in New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

12th Mo 1867 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 12th Mo 1867

Reports are received from all our Monthly meetings by which it appears that the following named friends have been appointed their representatives to this meeting from Rochester Sarah S Bowman, Mary H Hoxie, and Lois B Gifford. Pembroke Maria Brown, and Lydia G Randall, Dartmouth Sarah W Allen, Mary Fisher, and Mary C Potter. Westport Ann D Allen and Esther F Macomber, New Bedford [illegible] E Howland Rhoda T Gifford, Lydia Ricketson, Mary Gifford, and Eliza C Davis, they being called were present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our respective Monthly meetings have been read.

We concur in judgment with Men friends in uniting with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in changing the time of holding that Meeting in the 4th and 12th Months to 6th day of the week, previous to Quarterly in which it is now held. The business of the meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again in 4th Mo next in New Bedford.

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

4th 1868 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4th Mo 2nd 1868

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named therein to attend this meeting are from Sandwich Elisabeth C Wing, Lydia B Bowerman, and Ruth H Baker. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Mary G West. Dartmouth Huldah Gifford, Mary Fisher and Mary C Potter. Westport Mary C Allen, and Almira L Davis, New Bedford Sophia Ricketson Sylvia G Howland. Gulielma W Howland and Elisabeth H Wood who being named were all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were chosen one of the representatives informed that they were united in proposing Dorcas F Tucker for Clerk and Elisabeth C Wing for assistant Clerk which was satisfactory to the meeting and they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year or untill another appointment;

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings a summary of which was approved and directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly meeting by our representatives Susan Howland, Ruth H Baker, Phebe R. Gifford, Huldah Gifford, Rebecca A Gifford, Phebe Slade Elisabeth C Wing, Ruth S Wood and Mary K Wing.

Hannah Slade a minister and member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting deceased 5th Mo 14, 1867 aged 79 years 5 months and 2 days

Barbara Gifford an Elder and member of Westport Monthly Meeting died 11th Mo 6th 1867 aged 84 years 11 months and 24 days.

The business brought before us being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in 7th Mo next at Falmouth if the Lord permit

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

7th Mo 1868 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Falmouth 7th Mo 2nd, 1868

The representatives from our several monthly meetings are from Sandwich Hulda Gifford, Kitty E Davis, Elisabeth C King and Mary T Bowman, Pembroke Ruth Anne Shepherd, Dartmouth Sarah R Akin, Maria B Smith, and Lydia R Gifford. Westport Almira F Davis and Mary E Allen, New Bedford Fanny B Gillingham, Susan G Tripp, Betsy P Hood, Mary B Baylies Ann H Dunbar, and Hannah P Gifford they being called were all present,

The representatives to the yearly meeting report that they all attended except three, for the absence of these satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries with answers to the three usually considered at this time from each of our monthly meetings have been read.

The annual report of the Committee having charge of the boarding School has been read and is satisfactory.

Our beloved friends Edward C Young from Goshen monthly meeting Ohio, and Daniel McPherson from Gilead monthly meeting Indianna are in attendance of this meeting each presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meeting their company, and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable and Edifying to us, We have also our beloved friends Joseph W Jay companion to our friend Edward C Young with a minute of unity from Raysville Monthly meeting Indianna, and Lydia Mary McPherson companion to her husband Daniel McPherson with a Satisfactory minute from Gilead monthly meeting, their company has been satisfactory. The Clerk is left at liberty to sign returning for the above named friends.

Appointment of Phebe Slade to the Station of Elder

This meeting unites with Westport Monthly meeting in the appointment of Phebe Slade to the Station

YEARLY MEETING,

6TH MONTH, 1868.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Boarding School report, that during the Autumn Term there were in attendance 172 pupils, viz.: 101 males, and 71 females. In the Spring term 150 pupils, viz.: 97 males, and 53 females.

The officers of the Institution have been Albert K. Smiley, principal; Alfred H. Smiley, associate principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Alice R. Wing and Sarah A. Taber, teachers of English branches; William B. Phillips, teacher of ancient and modern languages, and George W. Wiggin, teacher of mathematics; Mary A. Cornell and Sarah F. Coffin, have been employed as teachers of English branches during the Autumn and Spring terms, respectively, and Sarah A. Taber, in addition to her other duties, has had charge of the drawing classes. Under this organization, the interests of the Institution have in every respect received careful attention, and the progress of the pupils in their studies has been satisfactory.

During the past year the pupils have attended the meetings held in the city on First Day morning and in the middle of the week, except that occasionally, during inclement weather, meetings have been held on First Day mornings at the School; which have been attended by one or more members of the Committee. On First Day afternoons and evenings, portions of the time have been regularly devoted to Bible instruction, and the reading of such selections as were thought calculated to fasten upon the susceptible minds of the pupils impressions that might tend to their future benefit.

The daily practice of reading portions of the Holy Scriptures at the breakfast table, and before retiring for the night, is still continued.

The health of the School has been remarkably good during the past year, and we have gratefully to acknowledge the continued kindness of our Heavenly Father for this blessing.

The Report of the Auditing Committee shows that the income of the School during the year ending 6th month, 24th, 1868, will exceed the current expenditures by about five thousand three hundred dollars, which has been appropriated to reduce the debt of the Institution.

Alumni Hall, which was in process of erection at the time of our last report, has been completed, and was, with the girls lodging rooms, thrown open to the use of the pupils at the commencement of the Spring term. The whole cost of the building, including furnishing, grading grounds, and other expenses connected with its erection, is $43,202.44

There was contributed by the Alumni Association	$10,870.24	
Net profits of the School during the past four years appropriated to this object	17,149.42	—28,019.66
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Leaving the amount of indebtedness of the School at the close of the present term		$15,182.78

The anticipated benefits resulting from the erection of the Alumni Building have been more than realized. The superior accommodations furnished the girls have added largely to their comfort, and produced a decided improvement in their general health, especially diminishing the number of colds.

The charges for board and tuition for the ensuing year of forty weeks, we propose should be as follows: one-half payable at the commencement of the school, and one-half at the opening after the recess, viz.:

For members of our Yearly Meeting, $150.

For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, $190.

For all others that may be admitted, $300.

An additional charge of $10 is made for one year's instruction in Latin, Greek, French, German, or Drawing.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year *only* when application is made therefor at the time of entering. It is very desirable that the number of those withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as, in the arrangement of classes and studies, reference is made primarily, to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the School, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportionate share of advantage.

Applications for admission should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 14th of Seventh Month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others up to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Applications should be made to the principal.

Address ALBERT K. SMILEY, Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Committee were induced, in order to meet some urgent cases, to anticipate the income from the charitable fund, consequently there will be no available means from that source the ensuing year, and it is expected that the United States legacy tax will absorb the ensuing year's income from the Metcalf donation.

In conclusion, the Committee feel assured that the literary standing of the School has been well maintained—its discipline carefully administered, and its finances prudently and efficiently managed.

They therefore would commend it to the confidence of Friends, trusting that with the blessing of our Holy Head upon the religious engagement of its founders, and the concern of the Church to promote the religious and literary education of the young people under our care, that this Institution will continue to be instrumental for good to our religious Society.

On behalf of the Committee,

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6th mo., 2nd, 1868.

The School Year begins 9th month 2nd, 1868.
Recess of two weeks begins 1st month 20th, 1869.
Second half year begins 2nd month 3d, 1869.

(*From the Minutes of the Meeting.*)

SAMUEL BOYCE, Clerk

of Elder, men friends uniting therewith. it also concurs with that monthly meeting in the appointment of Nathaniel Gifford to the same Station. and with Sandwich monthly meeting in the appointment of Arnold Gifford to the Station of Elder.

A report from the joint Committee appointed in 7th mo 1866 to visit as way opened for it in the Truth some of our small meetings has been read and is as follows.

To the Quarterly meeting

The Committee appointed by the Quarterly meeting in the 7th Mo 1866. to visit our Subordinate meetings and to render such advice and assistance as way opened for in the Truth report that they have given such attention to the duty assigned them as way has opened for and ability has been felt to perform, While they are sensible that little comparatively has been done yet they feel encouraged to commend the service to the continued religious interest of the meeting believing that this concern if abode under and carried on in the ability which the Lord alone can give will be a blessing to the Church.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

William C Taber
Falmouth 1. Mo. 1. 1868. Phebe T Taber

The above report has been accepted and the same Committee continued with the addition of Susan Taber Elisabeth Gifford and Elizabeth C. Wing

An interesting Epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly meeting has been read to our comfort and Edification.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th month next at Sandwich

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

10th 1868 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th month 1st 1868.

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as their representatives viz from Sandwich Elizabeth H. Wing, Mercy H. Wing, and Ruth H. Baker, Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd, and Mary W. West. Dartmouth Hulda Gifford, Hetty C Potter, and Martha Lawrence, Westport Lydia Gifford and Mary T. Macomber, New Bedford Gulielma W. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Mary Ann Wing, Dorcas P. Tucker and Betsy G. Wood. who were present except one for her absence a suitable reason was given.

Our beloved friends Joshua Douglass from Durham monthly meeting State of Maine and Sarah W. Farr from Litchfield Monthly meeting in the same State attended this meeting each presenting satisfactory certificates from their respective monthly meetings. their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. We have also with us our beloved friends Noah Farr companion to his wife Sarah W. Farr. and Charles W. Goddard companion to our friend Joshua Douglass with a minute of unity from Durham monthly meeting their company has been satisfactory. the clerk is left at liberty to furnishing the above named friends with returning minutes conformable to the above and sign them on behalf of this meeting

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th, from our several monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford laid before this meeting a prospect which had for some time rested with him to attend in Gospel love the four Southern Quarterly Meetings of New York Yearly meeting and to attend to some service in their yearly meeting which is more fully set forth by a minute furnished him by Sandwich monthly meeting after a season of deliberation his prospect was united with and he set at liberty to attend thereto under the guidance of best wisdom, he being a minister in unity. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing him with a minute, and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at New Bedford in 12th month next if the Lord permit.

Susan P Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women friends held
12 m 68 at New Bedford 12th Mo 3rd 1868.

By accounts received from our respective Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Betsy Shin, Lydia B Gillingham and Elizabeth C Wing, Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Lydia Browne, Dartmouth Jane G Fisher, Mary Ann Francis and Mary C Potter Westport Phebe Slade and Esther D Macomber New Bedford Lydia S Howland, Mary Gifford Sarah A Holmes, Susan G Kempton, and Susan Taber, who were all present,

The Queries have been read with answers to the three usually considered at this time from each of our Monthly meetings.

Our beloved friends Joseph H Pratt from Dover monthly meeting, and John Page from Wear Monthly Meeting are in attendance of this Quarterly meeting producing satisfactory certificates from their respective meetings, expressing unity with them as ministers and their present religious engagements their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable.

Our beloved friend Martha C Pratt companion to her husband Joseph H Pratt attended this meeting with a

B. L. B. minute of unity from Dover Monthly Meeting certifyin[g]
that she was an Elder, her company has been satisfacto
The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk
of the mens meeting in furnishing the above named frien
with returning minutes and sign them on behalf of th
meeting.
The business of the meeting being closed we
feel under a renewed sense of Divine favor we conclude
proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New
Bedford.

Dorcas F. Tucker Clerk

4th 69 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in
New Bedford 4th Month 1st 1869.
Reports have been received
from our respective monthly meetings the Friends therein named
as representatives to this meeting are From Sandwich,
Ruth H. Baker, Lydia N. Bowerman, and Elisabeth C. Wing
Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Sarah Joy Brown,
Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rhoda
Howland, and Jane G. Fisher. Westport Ann D. Allen
Mary E. Macomber, and Mary T. Macomber, New Bedford
Susan G. Kempton, Ruth S. Wood, Ruth Almy, Ann
H. Dunbar, and Sophia Pickitson, Present except three
The time having expired for which
the Clerks of this meeting were chosen one of the representativ
informed that they had conferred together and were unite
in the reappointment of Dorcas F. Tucker and Elisabeth
C. Wing which was united with by the meeting and
they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year
Our beloved friend Jesse T. Hartley
Jesse T. Hartley attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from
Gilead Monthly Meeting endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly
Meeting Ohio his company and Gospel labors have
been acceptable to us Our esteemed friend Pleasant
Coppock companion to our friend Jesse T. Hartley is in

18[illegible] attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Jamaica monthly meeting his company has been satisfactory the Clerk is left at liberty to sign this returning minute

The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers from each of our monthly meetings a summary has been compiled therefrom which with an account to the yearly meeting we forward by our representatives Ann H. Baker, Sarah H. Anthony, Lydia G. Howland, Elizabeth C. Ewing, Phebe R. Gifford, Almira F. Davis, Susan Taber Lydia B. Crocker, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Hannah Bradford, Susan G. Kempton Hannah P. Gifford and Mary E. Pitts

Appointment of D F Tucker Susan Taber Matthew Howland Seth K. Akin to Station of Elder

This meeting unites with New Bedford monthly meeting in the selection of Dorcas F. Tucker and Susan Taber to the Station of Elder the mens meeting uniting therewith it also concurs with men friends in uniting with the same monthly meeting in the selection of Matthew Howland and Seth K. Akin to the same Station

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet ~~a~~ again if permitted in 7 month next at Falmouth

Dorcas F. Tucker Clerk

7 mo 1869 At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held in Falmouth 7th month 1st 1869

Reports from our several monthly meetings inform that the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from Sandwich Sarah S. Bowman, Betsy Akin and Elizabeth C. Ewing, Nantucket Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Hannah S. Brown, Hetty H. King and Hetty S. [illegible]. Westport Esther A. Macomber, and Phebe Slade. New Bedford Rebecca A. Church, Sarah [illegible], Mary H. [illegible] and Susan Taber. all present, [illegible]

Representatives to the yearly meeting report that they attended except one for her absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Our beloved friends Rebecca Collins from Newyork Monthly Meeting, Martha Watkins from Goshen Monthly Meeting Ohio, Lewis Bedell from [illegible] Monthly Meeting State of New York, Zacheus H. Powell from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, and William R. Taber a minister and Companion to our friend Zacheus H. Powell from the same meeting are in attendance of this meeting each presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings their company and Gospel labor have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Sarah F. Underhill companion to our friend Rebecca Collins and Jane F. Brown Companion to our friend Martha Watkins attended this meeting presenting minutes of unity from their Monthly Meeting their company has been satisfactory.

The clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing the above named friends with minutes conformable to the above as they relate to each and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Queries with answers to the [illegible] from each of our Monthly meetings have been read

The annual report of the Committee having charge of the Yearly Meeting boarding School has been read and is satisfactory.

The joint Committee appointed in 2d month 1866 to visit our subordinate meetings and especially those who meet in small numbers. presented the following report viz. ~~The joint Co~~

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint Committee appointed to visit the smaller meetings belonging to this Quarterly Meeting and to labor for the encouragement of our members and others to greater dilligence in the service of their Lord report that all these meetings have been attended by some of their number. and also that some families and individuals have been visited as way has opened for it, and the Committee have been encouraged in the belief that usefulness has resulted both to themselves and the visited. they thankfully believe that a living engagement on the part of some in different localities within our limits has been mercifully vouchsafed to us.

On behalf of the Committee
Newell Hoxie
Rhoda H Taber

The above report has been accepted by the meeting and the same Committee are continued for the ensuing year.

Sarah B Thing, Betsy P Ward, Dorcas F Tucker, Ruth Ann Pritchard, Deborah Bowerthwaite G Gillingham, Betsy Akin, Ruth H Baker, Elizabeth C Thing, Rebecca A Gifford, and Rhoda H Taber are appointed to unite with a Committee of men friends to take into consideration the subject of holding the Quarterly meeting at some other place in 7th month and report their judgment at a future meeting.

Our esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned at this time the minute granted him in 10th month last accompanied with a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting and Swansey monthly meeting expressive of his company and religious services having been acceptable to friends of those meetings which with the account he gave of his visit was satisfactory to the meeting.

A lively and interesting Epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read to our edification and comfort.

The business of the meeting being finished under a solemn covering we conclude proposing to meet again in tenth month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

10 m 69 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Sandwich 7th of Tenth month 1869

Accounts being received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are from Sandwich Mary Ann Wing, Betsy Akin, and Charity G Moore. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth Hannah S Howland Maria [illegible] Smith, Ann Willy L Potter, Westport Sarah G Tuttle, [illegible] Churchill Ann Slade, New Bedford Ruth [illegible] Moon, Hannah L Akin, Abby Howland, Mary E Mayhew, Susan H Tompkins and [illegible] Wentland present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th from each of our monthly meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Phebe R Gifford informed this meeting that she felt drawn in Gospel love to attend the ensuing yearly meetings of Baltimore, and North Carolina and to attend to some other service within their limits, which is more fully set forth by a certificate granted her by Dartmouth monthly meeting. after a season of deliberation her prospect was united with, and she left at liberty to attend thereto being a minister in unity. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing her with a minute to the above and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

This meeting concurs with the mens in their unity with Sandwich monthly meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance in the ministry of Daniel Tripp.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude proposing to meet in 1st m next in New Bedford. Dorcas S Tuck - Clerk

12 M. 69 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 12 Month 2. 1869

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed to attend this meeting as representatives, from Sandwich, Rhoda G King, Sally Holway and Lydia A Bowerman. Pembroke Sarah J Brown and Ruth Ann Shepherd. Dartmouth Mehitable Smith, Hannah G Howland, and Mary C Potter. Westport, Mary C Gifford and Almira F Davis. New Bedford Mary Underhill, Ruth Wood Phebe Gifford, and Ann A Macomber, present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

In the absence of the assistant Clerk Anna G Wood was appointed for the day

The queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10 from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read,

Our beloved friends William H Chase from Scipio monthly meeting State of Newyork, and Joseph H Pratt from Dover Monthly Meeting have been in attendance of this meeting each presenting satisfactory certificates from their Monthly Meeting, their company and Gospel labours have been acceptable to us, Our beloved friend Abigail M Hanson is also in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Seabrook Monthly Meeting, her company and Gospel labours have been acceptable. Our beloved friend Martha E Pratt an Elder and companion to her husband Joseph H Pratt attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Dover Monthly meeting her company has been satisfactory

The Clerk is left at liberty to sign returning minutes for the above named friends.

This Meeting unites with men friends in their concurrence with Westport Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of William [illegible]

Our beloved friend Phebe R. Gifford returned at this time the minute furnished her in 10th Month last accompanied with minutes from Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly Meetings, New Garden, Dover, and Deep River, monthly meetings North Carolina certifying that she had been acceptably in attendance of those meetings and informed us that she had been enabled to perform what she apprehended required of her to the Peace of her own mind which with the account she gave of her visit was Satisfactory.

The business of the meeting being closed, we trust under a renewed visitation of the Holy Spirit; we conclude proposing to meet again at this place in 4th month next if the Lord permit.

Dorcas S Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich quarterly meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 4th Month 7th 1870

By accounts received from all our monthly meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are as follows viz. from Sandwich Lydia B Crocker. Margaret Wood, and Sarah B Boreman, Pembroke Sarah J Brown and Ruth Ann Shepherd Dartmouth Jane G Fisher. Elizabeth A Gifford and Mary Ann Francis. Westport Esther A Macomber and Mary S Macomber. New Bedford. Sylvia G Howland Susan G Kempton. Ann H Dunbar, and Deborah Howland present except two for their absence a suitable reason was given.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed the representatives informed that they were united in proposing the reappointment of Dorcas S Tucker for Clerk and Elizabeth C King for assistant Clerk which being approved they were appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appoi

-tment. in the absence of the assistant Clerk Anna G Breed is appointed for the day. Our beloved friend Sarah E Jenkins attended this meeting, presenting a minute of unity from Short Creek Monthly meeting, her expressing unity with her ministry and her present religious engagements her company and religious labors have been acceptable to us. The Queries have been read in this meeting together together with answers from each of our Monthly meetings a Summary has been compiled therefrom which with an account to the Yearly Meeting be forward by our representatives Mary R King Sylvia G Howland, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Ruth S Ward, Anna G Breed. Mary S Macomber, Hetty S Potter, Ruth H Baker, and Mary E Gifford

The joint Committee appointed in 7th month last to take into consideration the subject of holding the Quarterly Meeting in 7th month at some other place have presented the following report

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee appointed in 7th Month last on the subject of removing the Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth to some other place, have carefully considered the subject and are united in the belief that the time has not yet arrived for any change.

New Bedford 4th Mo 6th 1870

Isaac R Gifford
Sewall Hoxie
Ruth H. Baker
Dorcas S Tucker

On behalf of the Committee

The above report has been accepted by this meeting in concurrence with men friends, and the committee are released from further service in the case.

Lydia B Mitchell of Nantucket an Elder and member of New Bedford Monthly Meeting deceased 10th Mo 16th 1869 aged 82 years 7 months. Rhoda H. Taber a minister and member of the same Monthly Meeting deceased 12th Mo 29 1869, aged nearly 74 years.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclu
proposing to meet again in 7th Month next at Falmouth if the
Lord permit

Dorcas P Tucker Clerk.

7 mo 70 At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Falmouth 7th Mo 7th 1870.

Accounts from all our Monthly meetings certify that the following friends have been chosen to attend this meeting as representatives are from Sandwich blank, Pembroke Lydia Brown and Alice S. Shepherd. Dartmouth Phebe R Gifford, Maria B Smith, Mehitable Smith and Jane G Fisher, Westport Almira F Davis, and Lydia C Gifford New Bedford Mary C Bayliss, Hannah G Allen, Phebe Gifford, and Susan H Tripp, all present.

In the absence of the assistant Clerk Anna G Wood was chosen for the day.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended.

A report of the Boarding School Committee for the past year has been read and is satisfactory.

Our beloved friends Caroline E Talbot from Short Creek monthly meeting Ohio and Sarah W Farr from Litchfield Monthly meeting State of Maine attended this meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings expressing unity with th as ministers and their present religious engagements their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. Our Esteemed friend Noah Farr an Elder and Companion to his wife Sarah W Farr has been in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Litchfield Monthly meeting his company has been satisfactory, the clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing the above named friends with returning minutes similar to the above and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th from our Several Monthly meetings have been read with the exception of Sandwich which was accidently omitted.

The joint Committee appointed in 10 month 1866 to visit our Subordinate meetings and ~~es~~ especially those who meet in small numbers, have presented the following report

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint Committee appointed to visit Subordinate meetings and extend such advice and assistance as way may open for, report that they have given attention to their appointment; Members of the Committee have at different times visited most of all our meetings to a good degree of Satisfaction and they are encouraged to believe that there is an increased degree of interest felt in the Cause of Truth and we trust also of Spiritual life among us— and many not members who attend our meetings are more closely drawn towards us as a Society; The Committee would commend the concern to the continued attention of the Quarterly Meeting

On behalf of the Committee
Sewell Hoxie
West Falmouth Charles R Tucker
7th M 7. 1870 William C Taber

The above report has been accepted by this and the mens meeting and Mary Hoag, Susan G Kempton, Phebe R Gifford, Elizabeth Dillingham, Anna G Wood, Ruth H Baker Lydia Taber, Hannah S Wing, Susan Taber, Mary C Bayliss, Maria P Smith, Jane T Fisher, Charity Dillingham and Dorcas F Tucker are appointed to unite with a Committee of men friends to attend to the same service for the ensuing year as way opens for it in the Truth.

The business brought before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again in 10 month ~~next~~ at Sandwich if the Lord permit

Dorcas F Tucker Clerk

11 M 70 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 11th month 4th 1870.

Accounts being received from all our Monthly Meetings the representatives named therein are as follows Sandwich Lydia B Dillingham Elizabeth C. King and [illegible] Pembroke Lydia Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd Dartmouth Mary C Potter, Maria C Smith, and [illegible], Westport Mary E Gifford and Mary S Macomber, New Bedford Guilelma W Howland, Rhoda T Gifford, [illegible], and Betsy H Wood, all present except one

The Queries with answers to the 1st, 2nd, and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read

Interesting and acceptable Epistles from our Sisters of New York and Dublin Yearly Meetings have been read to our edification and comfort.

The business of the meeting being closed we conclude, proposing to meet again in 12th Month next at New Bedford if Permitted

Dorcas P Tucker Clerk

12 M 70 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at New Bedford 12th Month 1st 1870.

Reports being received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are from Sandwich Ruth H Baker, Lydia B Dillingham Mary W Kelley. Pembroke Ruth Ann Shepherd and Mary G West Dartmouth Mary C Potter, Mehetable Lawrence and Elizabeth G Lawrence. West Port Mary A Gifford and Hannah R. Gifford New Bedford Ruth Almy, Susan G Kempton, Ruth S Wood, Rebecca C Grinnell, and Sarah Jane Taber, who being called were present except one for her absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and

ies from our respective Monthly Meetings have been read
The business of the Meeting being accomplished we concluded proposing to meet again at this place in fourth month next if the Lord permit

Dorcas P Tucker Clerk

4th 71 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of women friends held in New Bedford 4th Month 6th 1871
By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are from
Sandwich Elizabeth C King, Betsy Akin and Lydia B Dillingham
Pembroke Sarah J Brown, and Ruth Ann Shepherd,
Dartmouth Hulda Gifford, Mary Ann Frances and Mary C Potter
Westport Phebe Slade and Mary S Macomber
New Bedford Ruth Almy, Mary C Bennett, Betsy Fuller and Ann H Dunbar present except one for her absence a satisfactory reason was assigned,
The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed Lydia B Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting that they were united in the reappointment of Dorcas P Tucker for Clerk and Elizabeth C King for assistant Clerk which was united with and they were accordingly appointed to that service for one year,
The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers from all our Monthly Meetings a Summary compiled therefrom which with an account we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Sarah A Howes, Rebecca C Grinnell, Hannah S King, Mehitable Gifford, Phebe R Gifford, Charity G Dillingham. Rachel S Howland, Elizabeth C King, Ann A Macomber, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Mary Bayliss, and Gulielma W Howland whom we appoint our representatives,
Our beloved friend Mark Anthony attended this meeting with a minute of unity from

Smyrna monthly meeting his company and religious labors were acceptable to us, the Clerk is left at liberty to sign his returning minute.

A testimony from New Bedford monthly concerning our late deceased friend Rhoda H Taber has been read and approved by this and the mens Meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf.

Ismael Gifford of Fairhaven an Elder and member of New Bedford monthly meeting deceased 12 of Mo 9. 1870 aged 77 years 7 months.

a minister for — Lois B. Gifford of Falmouth a minister and member of Sandwich monthly meeting died 1 month 8th 1871 aged 47 years 9 months and 9 days.

The business brought before us being closed we conclude proposing to meet again at Falmouth in 7th month next.

Dorcas S Tucker Clerk

7 Mo 71 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in Falmouth 7th Month 6th 1871.

Having received accounts from our Several Monthly Meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are from Sandwich Mary H Hoxie, Sarah S Bowerman, and Hetty R Davis, Pembroke Alice R Shepherd Dartmouth Phebe R Gifford, Thelda Gifford, and Ruth L Smith, Westport Eliza Tripp, Abbie C G Macomber, and Hannah R Gifford New Bedford Asuba Cannon, Lydia S Howland, Ruth S Wood and Nancy P Dillingham, all present.

Our beloved friends Elizabeth L Comstock from Rollin monthly meeting State of Michigan, Sarah Gidley from Adrian monthly meeting Michigan, and Emma C Crane from Goshen monthly meeting Ohio have been in attendance of this meeting each presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings, their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us. Our beloved friends John Comstock companion to his wife Elizabeth L. Comstock. William Gidley companion to his wife Sarah Gidley, and Elizabeth T Young who accompanies her husband Edward T Young have also been in attendance of this presenting minutes of concurrence from their several monthly meetings their company has been satisfactory. The Clerk was directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens meeting in furnishing the above named friends with Conformable to the above as they relate to each and sign them on behalf of this meeting.

Representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they attended except two who were prevented by sickness.

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our monthly meetings have been read also the annual report of the boarding School Committee which is satisfactory to the meeting.

The joint Committee appointed in 12 month last to visit our Subordinate meetings have presented the following report

To the Quarterly Meeting

The joint Committee under appointment to visit our Subordinate meetings, and individuals, and to labor as ability might be afforded in Christian love for the advancement of the cause of Truth amongst us, report that different members of the Committee have from time to time visited many of our meetings, and also families and individuals as way has opened for this labor; and we have reason to believe that this service of love has been alike satisfactory and encouraging to our own number, and also to the visited.

The Committee are united in the belief that usefulness would result from the appointment of a Committee more particularly for the purpose of visiting our several meetings and Friends and others in their families, and to labor for their encouragement, to consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works.

In behalf of the Committee
Henry T Wood
Falmouth 7th Mo 6th 1871. Dorcas P Tucker

Which is accepted by the meeting and the same committee are representatives for the same service for the ensuing year with the addition of Elizabeth Ann Wood. Elizabeth C. King and Martha Ann Shepherd

The business of this meeting being closed we trust under the guidance of best Wisdom we conclude proposing to meet again in 10th Month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit
Dorcas P. Tucker Clerk

10 Mo 71 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held at Sandwich 10th Mo 5th 1871

Reports from our several monthly meetings inform that the following friends have been appointed to attend this Meeting as our representatives viz from Sandwich Sarah T Bowerman, Chatharine Kelley, and Sarah H Jones. Falmouth Lydia Brown and Martha Ann Shepherd Dartmouth Huldah Gifford, Hetty T Potter and Phebe R Gifford. Westport Esther T Macomber, and Mary T Macomber, New Bedford Phebe Howland, Ruth T Reed, Mary C. Bayliss, and Betsy H Reed present except one We have at this time the company of our beloved friend Sarah Ellen Varney from China monthly meeting State of Maine. also that of our dear friends Silas and Lydia Hartland from Lexington monthly meeting each presenting satisfactory testimonials

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence report that they have given attention to the duties assigned them, and can state that the school has prospered during the past year in no ordinary degree. Entire harmony and cooperation in efforts to promote the best interests of the pupils and of the establishment have prevailed among the officers, discipline has been well maintained, and the deportment of the scholars and progress in their studies have been satisfactory.

Although they can acknowledge with thankfulness that a good degree of health has prevailed during the year, yet one case of severe illness occurred during the Fall term which resulted fatally. It was thus reported by the Principal: "John Clapp Hussey, son of the late Geo. F. Hussey, of Peekskill, N. Y., died on the 29th of 11th month, 1870, from ulceration of the bowels. His end was peaceful, and he gave full evidence that he was accepted and his sins forgiven. Much sympathy was felt with the stricken widowed mother, who in the keenness of her anguish could yet say, 'He doeth all things well.'" In a minute made at a subsequent meeting the committee add, "While we sympathize with the bereaved mother, we can also rejoice that another loved one has been added to the redeemed in heaven."

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was one hundred seventy-nine, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy girls. Spring term, one hundred eighty, viz.: one hundred nine boys and seventy-one girls.

The officers of the school during the past year have been: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John F. Rowell, Thomas J. Battey, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Charles H. Gales, teacher of French; Catharine H. Austin, teacher of drawing and painting. Henry Wood was employed as teacher of Latin, Greek and German during the first half year, but was under the necessity of leaving on account of ill health. During the second half year the following additional teachers have been employed, viz.: Alonzo Williams, teacher of Latin; Karl Ernst, teacher of German; and John H. Burnham, teacher of Greek.

The pupils and family continue to attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons, and in the middle of the week. On First-day afternoons scripture lessons are given to the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in each department, at the breakfast table, and also at the evening collections.

Owing to the necessity of presenting a statement of the finances of the school before the end of the term, the account rendered to the Yearly Meeting is necessarily imperfect, and we have now to report that the net earnings of the school made up to the end of the school year, 6 mo. 28, 1870, as ascertained by the Auditing Committee, was $6,347.55, reducing the school debt at that time to $4,520.71.

The estimated earnings of the school to the end of the present term, as now reported to us, will exceed its expenses, including interest paid and necessary annual repairs, by the sum of		$5,215.00
Less paid cost of apparatus for extinguishing fires,	$514.14	
Less paid for gravel walk in front of school buildings,	329.20	
		843.34
Balance of earnings less improvements,		$4,371.66
School debt 6 mo., 1870,		4,520.71
School debt 6 mo., 1871,		$149.05

The Auditing Committee has also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5th mo. 30, 1870,		$19.87
Income of the fund,		7,069.27
Insurance premium returned,		165.60
		$7,254.74

PAYMENTS.

Insurance premium paid,	$301.25	
B. N. & S. S. Lapham, fees in the case of Lloyd street lay out,	60.00	
Paid William A. Robinson, copy of deeds,	3.60	
Paid A. K. Smiley, per receipts,	6,872.83	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	17.06	
		7,254.74

CHARITABLE FUNDS, AND E. METCALF AND OTHER DONATIONS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer 5 mo. 30, 1870,		$960.87
Income of the funds,		2,528.86
		$3,489.73
Paid school bills,	$2,280.00	
Balance on hand,	1,209.73	
		3,489.73

The income from the above fund will probably warrant the admission of twenty scholars the ensuing year.

Approximate statement of the receipts and expenditures of the boarding school for the year ending 6 mo. 25th, 1870:

RECEIPTS.

Tuition Autumn term,	$18,500.00	
Tuition Spring term,	18,780.00	
From the fund, deducting insurance,	6,831.45	
		$44,111.45

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries,	$16,072.05	
Wages,	3,954.00	
Provisions,	10,707.16	
Repairs,	3,258.45	
Fuel $2,061.34, light $907.68,	2,969.02	
Library,	180.13	
Incidentals,	663.09	
Profits,	6,347.55	
		$44,151.45

The apartments allotted to the girls having been so materially and satisfactorily improved the attention of the Committee has been turned to the great necessity of similar alterations for the better accommodation of the boys. Their sleeping apartments are now insufficient and badly arranged for their comfort and for the convenience of those who have the care of them. Many of the rooms are unsuitable and all are wanting in many of the appliances that are considered necessary in similar establishments.

A larger and better ventilated school-room for the boys is much wanted, and may be set down as essential to the welfare of teachers and pupils. The present room will not seat all the boys now in attendance. Additional class-rooms are also needed.

The three dining rooms used by the scholars are crowded and increased room for this purpose would add largely to the comfort of the pupils and family. Additional and more suitable rooms ought to be supplied for the domestics and workmen on the premises.

To effect these objects we would recommend that the Committee that may be appointed to have the charge of the school the ensuing year be authorized, when the necessary funds can be obtained, to make such improvements as are actually needed by an addition to the present building and such alterations in the present arrangements as in their judgment will promote the welfare and best interests of the Institution.

Since our last report a street has been laid out by the city authorities of Providence through the North-west part of the school premises on land purchased of the heirs of Thomas Halsey, occupying about 45,000 square feet, for which an award has been made to the Yearly Meeting of $3,000.00; and the Committee have been informed that the Water Commissioners of Providence are desirous of obtaining a triangular piece of land cut off from the school farm by the street above mentioned, containing 70,931 square feet, (about 1⅝ acres.) Owing to its shape and situation between two streets this lot would be expensive to enclose and inconvenient to cultivate, and the Committee therefore suggest the propriety of disposing of it and applying the proceeds for the benefit of th Institution, believing that by so doing the best interest of the school with respect to the presen generation of scholars will be materially promoted, as well as the welfare of all connected with th establishment.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing school year of forty weeks be as follows:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

NOTE. The first half year begins 9 mo. 6, 1871; closes 1 mo. 24, 1872.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 24, 1872; closes 2 mo. 7, 1872.
The second half year begins 2 mo. 7, 1872; closes 6 mo. 26, 1872.

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Pupils may be withdrawn at the close of the half year only when application is made therefor at the time of entering. The Committee earnestly desire that the number of those who are withdrawn at the close of the first half year may be as small as possible, as in the arrangement of classes and studies reference is made primarily to those who remain through the year, constituting as they do, a large majority of the school, and it will therefore happen that those who remain but half the term will receive much less than a proportional share of advantage.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation should apply at the time above specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary acquirements of the applicants.

Applications for admission should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal, Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

from their respective Meetings. their Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Company our dear friend Phebe R. Calland with a minute of unity from Durham Monthly Meeting & companion travel friend Sarah Ellen Varney has also been acceptable to us

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing them with returning minutes conformable to the above

The Queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several monthly Meetings have been read

Our beloved friend Samuel Gifford informed this meeting that he had felt for some months past that it would be required of him to visit in Gospel love within the limits of Cornwall, Westbury, Purchase and Nine partners Quarterly Meetings, and to attend to other service as more fully set forth in a certificate furnished him by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. his prospect was united with, and he left at liberty to attend thereto being a minister in unity with us

The Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in furnishing him with a minute and sign it on behalf of this meeting.

The business brought before us being closed we conclude proposing to meet again in 12th month next at New Bedford. if the Lord permit

Dorcas F. Tucker Clerk

12 m 71

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women friends held in New Bedford 12th Mo 7th 1871.

By accounts received we are informed that the representatives to this meeting are these from Sandwich Lydia H. Gardner, Catharine Kelly, and Lydia [illegible] Dillingham; [illegible] Ruth Ann Shepherd, and Sarah [illegible] Swan, Dartmouth Hannah [illegible] Slocum. Maria B. Smith, and Mary C. Potter; Westport Abbie [illegible] Macomber, and Mary C. ~~Macomber~~ Gifford New Bedford Lydia H. Hicks, Ann [illegible] Dunbar, Mary [illegible] Bayliss, [illegible] Howland, and Susan S. Tripp, who being called were present except for the absence of whom satisfactory reasons were given. We have with us at this time our beloved friends Silas H. and Lydia A. Cartland from Limington Monthly Meeting State of Maine their Certificates were read at our Quarterly Meeting in tenth month last and have been read at this time their Company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings

[illegible] An interesting Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends has been read at this time

An esteemed friend Samuel Gifford returned at this time the minute furnished him by this meeting in tenth month last, and informed that he had through Mercy been enabled to perform the Service to which he apprehended himself called to his own peace and Satisfaction which was Satisfactory to the Meeting.

The business of the meeting being finished under a renewed sense of Divine favor we conclude Proposing to meet again in 4th month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit

Dorcas F. Tucker Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 4th 1872. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives named to attend this meeting are - from Sandwich - Rebecca D. Ewer Dorothy Gifford Phebe D. Kelly. Pembroke Susan S. Lefurgey Ruth A. Shepherd. Dartmouth Phebe W. Gifford Mary Ann Francis Sarah Gifford. Westport Phebe Head. Esther M. Davis New Bedford Rebecca C. Grinnell Susan S. Tripp Sarah H. Anthony Dorcas F. Tucker and Mary Ann Ewing who were all present. The time having expired for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed and our dear friend Dorcas F. Tucker who has served this meeting acceptably requesting to be released the representatives after considering the subject inform that they are united in proposing Rachel S. Howland for clerk and Elizabeth C. Wing for assistant clerk which being acceptable to the meeting they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers from all our monthly meetings a summary of which has been prepared which with an account to the Yearly meeting we forward by our friends Huldah Gifford Lydia H. Bowman Ruth H. Baker Annie G. Wood Mary W. Baylies Rebecca C. Grinnell Sarah B. Slade Elisabeth Stetson Betsey P. Wood Sylvia G. Howland Susan Taber Gulielma W. Howland Elisabeth Ann Slade Ruth Ann Shepherd Elisabeth C. Wing Rachel S. Howland whom we appoint our representatives.

A testimony from New Bedford monthly meeting concerning our dear friend Susan Howland deceased has been read and approved by this and the men's meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on our behalf.

The subject of holding General meetings for Divine Worship and for the instruction and edification of the Church and for the spread of the Gospel of Christ in different parts of this Yearly Meeting was introduced by the reports from New Bedford and Westport Monthly meetings. And information having been received from men's meeting that they have concluded to forward a request to our next Yearly Meeting that such meetings might be held. This meeting after weightily considering the subject unites in the request.

Susan Howland a minister and member of New Bedford monthly meeting deceased 1st mo. 17th 1872 aged 80 years 2 months and 3 days. Abigail Crowell an elder and member of Sandwich monthly meeting deceased 3 mo. 3rd 1872 aged 86 years 8 months and 7 days. This information we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives aforesaid –

The business of the meeting being finished – with a feeling of gratitude for blessings received we conclude proposing to meet again in Falmouth in 7 mo next if the Lord permit

Rachel S. Howland
Clerk

of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
and in [illegible]

By accounts received from the several Monthly [illegible]
[illegible] that the following named Friends have been
appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. From Sandwich
[illegible] Elizabeth K. Gates and Huldah [illegible]
[illegible] Jane Brown and Lydia G. Kendall
[illegible] Maria Bennett Ella A. [illegible] and
[illegible] Potter [illegible] Phebe [illegible] Amira S. [illegible]
and Hannah P. [illegible] New Bedford [illegible]
Susan [illegible] Clara G. [illegible] and Mary A. [illegible]
who are present except [illegible] for the absence of [illegible]
satisfactory reasons have been given.

The clerk being absent on account of illness in [illegible]
Anna [illegible] is appointed to serve as clerk [illegible]
The representatives to the Yearly Meeting are all in attendance
except one who was prevented from being present [illegible]
in her family. The Queries have been read with answers
to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several monthly [illegible]
Our beloved Friends [illegible] Biddell from [illegible]
Meeting Zaccheus H. [illegible] from [illegible] Monthly [illegible]
New York and Lindley M. Hoag from [illegible]
Meeting Iowa are in attendance at this time and
each presented satisfactory testimonials from their [illegible]
meetings. Their company and Gospel labours have [illegible]
been acceptable to us. Our esteemed Friend [illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] Monthly Meeting companion
to Friend Zaccheus H. [illegible] also attended [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
endorse minute on their certificates conformable to the above
The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read [illegible]
acceptable to us.

By the following extract from the minutes of our last Yearly [illegible]
we are informed that the revision of the Discipline has [illegible]
and the rules adopted by the Yearly Meeting and [illegible]
now be governed by its provisions as soon as a copy shall be [illegible]
by our respective Monthly Meetings.

The [illegible] Committee under appointment to visit our subordinate
2 meetings has presented the following report [illegible] which has [illegible]
adopted by [illegible] and the [illegible] meetings [illegible] the same committee is
reappointed which served last year with the [illegible]
[illegible]

The following extract from the minutes of [illegible]
relative to the subject of holding General Meetings [illegible]
[illegible] continuance there of the following [illegible]
[illegible] with a similar Committee from the [illegible]

THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the
rding school at Providence, report that they have endeavored to
charge the duty assigned them, and that they can thankfully ac-
owledge that, with the divine blessing on their efforts and the
thful cooperation of the officers and teachers, the school has sus-
ned its previous high character, and we trust has been a blessing
many of its inmates. Harmony has prevailed in the establish-
nt, the discipline of the school has been maintained, and the pupils
ve shown a satisfactory progress in their studies. The number of
pils during the Autumn term was one hundred ninety-one, viz.,
hundred nineteen boys and seventy-two girls; Spring term, one
ndred seventy, viz., one hundred eight boys and sixty-two girls.

The officers of the school the past year have been: Albert K.
iley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female de-
tment; John F. Rowell, George E. Dudley, Bessie T. Wing,
rtha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English
nches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Science; Daniel C.
xfield, teacher of Mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of
eek, Latin, and German; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French;
Lewis Diman, lecturer on History; and Katharine H. Austin,
cher of Drawing.

interfere in the government of the country.

"To-day the same will be said with respect to Amadeo, and
assert that the Emperor of Brazil respects more than any other mo
arch the constitution of his country, and to him is due more than
any other man in that Empire the movement in favor of liberty, whi
will put an end, on the American continent, to this relic of barbaris
Here is the document."

31. The committee in charge of our boarding school pr
sented the subjoined report, which being read and considere
by this meeting, and taking into consideration the great wa
which has long existed for increased and better accommod
tions in the boys' part of the house, and in the domestic a
rangements; and the committee having acted in accordan
with the authority given them in their appointment by minu
of this meeting last year, their proceedings are approved.

The same committee are reappointed to carry forward th
concern of this very interesting subject, the education of ou
youth, for the ensuing year, in accordance with the minut
of their appointment at our last meeting; and the treasure
of this Yearly Meeting is directed and authorized to loan suc

The pupils and family attend the meetings for worship held in Providence on First-day forenoons and in the middle of the week. First-day afternoons are occupied with scripture lessons by the whole school. Portions of scripture are daily read to the assembled school in the morning, and also before retiring to their rooms at night.

The committee have felt that there was cause for thankfulness in witnessing the general good conduct of the young people attending the school, and the evident religious concern that they have observed to prevail among the officers and teachers, and in a hopeful and encouraging degree with many of the pupils. They would commend the school, and those associated in its management, to the prayerful interest of friends.

During the last summer vacation the large lodging-rooms occupied by the boys were divided into smaller rooms ; two new passageways were opened, connecting the first and second stories of the central building with the boys' wing ; the nurseries were greatly improved by the addition of a new bath-room in each story, and other needful accessories ; the class-rooms were refitted and refurnished, and a new steam cooking apparatus was introduced into the kitchen. The whole expense of these repairs and improvements was $8,721.33.

The indebtedness of the school, as shown by the report of the committee last year, was $149.05 ; but when the settlement for the school year ending 6 mo. 30, 1871, was made, there proved to be $1,441.78 more of profit than was estimated, which paid the debt and left a balance in favor of the school of $1,292.73. The estimated earnings of the school for the present year are $3,024, making the gross assets $4,316.73, which, deducted from the amount expended in alterations and improvements before stated, $8,721.33, leaves an indebtedness of $4,404.60.

The auditing committee have also presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the School Fund and of the Charitable Fund, including the E. Metcalf and other donations, which are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND, 5 MO., 1872.

Cr.	Balance on hand last year, ...	$17.06	
	Income of the fund, ...	6,974.70	
	Returned insurance premium, ...	236.59	$7,228.35
Dr.	Paid insurance premium, ...	$305.00	
	Paid A. K. Smiley per receipts, ...	6,904.97	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872, ...	18.38	$7,228.35

CHARITABLE FUND, &c.

Cr.	On hand last year, 5 mo., 1871,	$1,209.73	
	* Income from the fund,	2,309.52	$3,519.25
Dr.	Paid school bills, tuition of 27 scholars,	$2,700.00	
	Balance in hand 5 mo., 1872,	819.25	$3,519.25

Since their last report the committee have, as empowered by the Yearly Meeting, sold the lot of land cut off from the school premises by the extension of Thayer street for $17,732.75, which amount was placed in the hands of Thomas Harkness, treasurer of the school fund.

On the receipt of the above named sum the committee felt authorized to proceed with the proposed addition to the west wing of the school building, and accordingly an addition is now in course of erection seventy-six feet long and forty-four wide, three stories high, the first floor of which is to be occupied for the boys' school-room, and the second and third floors as lodging-rooms for the boys and their teachers. This arrangement will give the boys a commodious schoolroom more than twice the size of their present one, and will add materially to the comfort and welfare of pupils and teachers. The old schoolroom will be divided into class-rooms for recitations, which are much needed.

In the 4th month last the subcommittee appointed to have charge of the erection of the new building, was authorized to make the necessary contracts to complete the alterations and improvements contemplated in the west wing of the main building, in connection with the new one. The estimates now presented are as follows:

Estimated cost of new building,	$25,000.00
For steam heating apparatus, alterations in dining-rooms and class-rooms, new drains, and expense of introducing aqueduct water, &c.,	16,394.00
	$41,394.00
To meet this outlay there has been received for land sold,	$17,732.75
Claim on the city of Providence for land taken for Thayer st., say	6,000.00
	$23,732.75
Deficiency,	$17,661.25
Add balance of indebtedness before reported,	4,404.60
Leaving a balance unprovided for of	$22,065.85

This, it is thought, can be paid by the income from the school in a few years of ordinary success, as the net profit for the past five years has been over twenty-five thousand dollars.

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* The income from these funds will not be likely to exceed $2,000 the ensuing year.

It is proposed that the charge for board and tuition the ensuing hool year of forty weeks, be the same as last year, viz.:

r members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	$100.00
r members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, ...	190.00
r all others that may be admitted, ...	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing. One half payable at the nmencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.
Wm. C. Taber, Clerk.

NOTE. — The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 4, 1872, and closes 1 mo. 22, 1873.
The Winter recess begins 1 mo. 22, 1873, and closes 2 mo. 5, 1873.
The Spring term begins 2 mo. 5, 1873, and closes 6 mo. 25, 1873.

Regulations of the School Committee. — Applications for admisn to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of committee on the first of eighth month next. Those who are mbers of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others hat date, after which applications will be considered in the order which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the ritable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply he time above specified. And in all cases information is exted of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the licants.

ll applications should be made to the principal. Address, ert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, [.

are acceptable to the meeting, and they are appointed on tha
service for the ensuing year, viz.:

Names of Committee. — George Bowen, Gideon C. Smith
Cynthia Bowen, Gertrude W. Cartland, Samuel Boyce, Joh
Paige, Eliza B. Boyce, Abigail M. Hanson, William C. Taber, David K. Akin, Anna G. Wood, Susan Taber, Abraha
Winslow, Elisha Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice D. Cartland
Richard Battey, Samuel H. Colton, Ann K. Colton, Lydi
Haight, Eli Jones, Stephen Jones, Sybil Jones, Ann E
Lang, Albert C. Buffum, Joseph H. Pratt, Martha E. Pratt
Hannah G. Sawyer, Joseph Taylor, Charles F. Coffin, Sen.
Lavinia M. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey, Abner Slade, Thoma
E. Steere, Stephen Beede, Edward W. Howland, Rachel S
Howland, Maria B. Jones, Eliza P. Gardner, and Ruth S
Wood.

34. George Douglass is appointed correspondent of Fal
mouth Monthly Meeting, in place of the correspondent wh
has removed.

Adjourned to the 4th hour this P. M.

Afternoon. — The meeting again assembled.

35. The committee upon the subject of education submitted the following report, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee to whom has been intrusted the important sub

Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
Peter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Wood Sandwich [illegible] [illegible]
Rhoda [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] to consider the [illegible]
Committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] subordinate meetings [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] as may be useful and [illegible]
committee.

"We are deeply impressed with the weight and importance of the [illegible] and desire that the committee may seek for Divine [illegible] and [illegible] that all may be done to the glory of God."

The business of the meeting being finished we conclude reverently to meet again in [illegible] [illegible]

Anna A. Wood Clerk for the day.

Copy of the Yly Mtgs minute on the subject of the revised Discipline.

"The several articles which have been adopted by this meeting are now become its discipline and our subordinate meetings are directed to be governed by its provisions, and official copies of this minute are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

Report of the Joint committee to visit meetings.

To the Quarterly Meeting.

The Joint Committee appointed to visit the Small meetings and Friends and others in [illegible] [illegible] That endeavours have been made through at times [illegible] [illegible] to carry out the concern of the Meeting. Meetings and families have been visited, and some labour bestowed as way opened, and the Committee trust that a blessing has in some instances been witnessed. And in view of the [illegible] which has attended the efforts of Friends to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we again commend it to the [illegible] and the [illegible], believing that the dear Lord [illegible] willing to bestow his [illegible] love upon us. on behalf of the committee

Falmouth June 4th 1872

Anna [illegible]
Anna A. Wood

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Sandwich 11th mo [illegible] 1872.

By accounts received from the several Monthly meetings are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz. From Sandwich [illegible] Rhoda [illegible] and Mary Ann Holway [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Dartmouth [illegible] Smith [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Smith. Nantucket Mary [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. New Bedford Sarah Slade, Sarah A. Holmes, Mary [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] A. Wood who are present except one.

The Clerk being again unavoidably absent we appoint Anna A. Wood to serve as Clerk for the day.

The Queries were read in this meeting with answers from the [illegible] and [illegible] from our several Monthly meetings.

[illegible]
[illegible]
from the Meeting New York and Mary E. [illegible] from [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] recommendation [illegible] from this monthly meeting [illegible]
[illegible]
and is [illegible] to unite with the clerk of the men's meeting in signing
endorsements on the certificates conformable to the above.
We unite with Dartmouth monthly meeting in approving the gift and
public ministry of George [illegible].
The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to
meet again in 12th mo. next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna [illegible] Clerk for the day

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends
held at New Bedford 12 mo. 5th 1872.

[illegible] representatives [illegible] [illegible] meeting [illegible] that the [illegible] named Friends [illegible] attended this meeting. [illegible] Hannah [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Dartmouth [illegible] [illegible] New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] Sarah [illegible] who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the [illegible] were read from our [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Yearly Meeting.

A certificate on behalf of our friend [illegible] from [illegible] Monthly Meeting held [illegible] was read. His company and gospel labours [illegible] acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to [illegible] with the clerk of the men's meeting in signing [illegible] minute on our behalf.

[illegible] friend William [illegible] [illegible] respecting religious service as set forth in a certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] this meeting unites with him in [illegible] his [illegible] and encouragement in [illegible]. Our beloved friend [illegible] has [illegible] attended this meeting to our comfort and [illegible]. Her certificates having been returned to [illegible] Monthly Meeting [illegible] it was not [illegible] to read them here but we wish to [illegible] of the [illegible] of her labours among us.
[illegible] further business [illegible] [illegible] to meet again in 3rd mo.

[illegible] Rachel [illegible]

1873. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4 mo - 3 d - 1873.

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz. from Sandwich Catherine Kelley, Lydia R. Taber and Huldah Gifford — from Pembroke, Ruth Ann Shepherd — from Dartmouth, Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah Gifford and Huldah Gifford — from Westport, Esther D. Macomber, and Hannah R. Gifford — from New Bedford Susan S. Tripp, Phebe B. Slocum, Phebe S. Delano, Susan Taber, and Gulielma W. Howland, who are all present except two, for whose absence a sufficient reason is given.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, the representatives having conferred together report, that they are united in proposing Rachel S. Howland for clerk, and Elizabeth C. Wing for Assistant Clerk, which appearing to be acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to this service for the year ensuing, or until another appointment.

A certificate from Rollin Monthly Meeting indorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, on behalf of our beloved friend Elizabeth L. Comstock has been read, which with her company and religious services have been acceptable to us.
A certificate from Walnut Ridge Monthly Mg. indorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting, Ohio, on behalf of our beloved friend Rufus P. King was read, his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.
Also one from Lemington Monthly Meeting held 3 mo. 29. 1873. on behalf of our dear friend Charles C. Varney, of whose company and religious services we can record the same testimony. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the men's Meeting in signing indorsements on our behalf. Our dear friend Margaret Hathaway is again with us to our comfort and edification.

The Queries with answers from all our Monthly Meetings have been read, and a summary prepared to forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting; to attend which as our representatives we appoint Sylvia G. Howland, Sarah H. Anthony, Sarah Gifford, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Gulielma W. Howland, Huldah Gifford, Anna G. Wood, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Ruth H. Baker, Mary E. Gifford, Elizabeth C. Wing, Phebe R. Gifford & Lydia B. Crocker.

1873. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12 mo. 4th. 1873. By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich Jennie Gifford. Deborah Boyce & Margaret Wood, – from Pembroke Alice K. Shepherd, – from Dartmouth Maria B. Smith, Hannah S. Slocum & Phebe R. Gifford – from Westport Esther A. Macomber & Esther M. Davis – from New Bedford – Rebecca C. Grinnell, Dorcas F. Tucker, & Nancy B Dillingham & Arubah Cannon, who are all present.

A certificate has been received and read from Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends dated 7 mo 30 - 1873 on behalf of our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes which with her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us. A certificate has also been received from Salem Monthly Meeting held 9 mo. 25 - 1873 on behalf of our friend William O. Newhall which with his company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing both these certificates on our behalf.

The Queries with answers from the several Monthly Meetings, to the First, Second & Tenth, have been read at this time.

We are informed that Westport Monthly Meeting has approved of the public Ministry of Mary E. Gifford, with which this Meeting unites having the concurrence of Men Friends herein, and the Clerk is directed to inform Westport Monthly Mg. of the conclusion.

We are also informed that a change has been proposed in the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich from 11 o'clock to 10 A.M. which is also approved by this Meeting.

Our business being finished we conclude under a grateful sense of the Divine presence & favor proposing to meet again in New Bedford in 4 mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Rachel S. Howland
Clerk.

1874 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4 mo- 2nd- 1874- By reports received from the Several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz- from Sandwich - Margaret Wood, Mary H. Hoxie and Elizabeth C. Wing - Pembroke, Sarah C. Brown from Dartmouth - Phebe R. Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, and Sarah R. Akin - from Westport - Lovice A Slade & Hannah R. Gifford, - from New Bedford, Sarah M. Howland ~~and~~ Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan S. Tripp, Sylvia G. Howland and Ann A. Macomber who are all present except one, who was prevented from attending by sickness.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives report, that they are united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for clerk and Susan S. Tripp for assistant Clerk, which being united with by this Mg. they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend Daniel Fry from Bloomington Monthly Mg. Iowa, William Wetherald from Pelham Mo. Meeting Canada, Silas H. Cartland from Limington Monthly Mg. Maine, Sarah W. Goddard from Vassalborough Monthly Mg. and Sarah H. Reynolds from Providence Mo. Mg. have attended this Meeting, producing satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is left at liberty to sign endorsements on their certificates conformable to the above.

The Queries with answers thereto from our Several Monthly Meetings have been read & a Summary prepared from the answers, which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends, Anna G. Wood, Elizabeth C. Wing Sarah H. Anthony, Susan G. Kempton, Sylvia G. Howland Deborah Boyce, Lydia B. Dillingham Sarah A. Holmes Rebecca C. Grinnell, Mary E. Gifford, Susan Taber, Rachel S. Howland, Ruth Ann Shepherd, Sarah Gifford Betsey G. Wood and Betsey Akin whom we appoint our representatives-

We unite with Men Friends in the appointment of Joseph Hoxie and Ephraim Gifford to the Station of Elder.

1874 The joint Committee appointed in Seventh month last, to promote the concern of the Yearly Meeting to hold General Meetings for Divine worship as way may open for it, have presented a report which has been read and is united with by this Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, under a grateful sense of the Lords goodness proposing to meet again in Seventh mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permits.

Anna G. Wood Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth 7 mo 2-74. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings - it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz - from Sandwich Elvira G. Wing, Lydia Dillingham & Margaret Wood - from Pembroke Sarah J. Brown - from Dartmouth - Huldah Gifford, Angeline S. Gidley & Susan B. Kirby - from Westport - Almira F. Davis and Lizzie A Slade - from New Bedford Nancy B. Dillingham Susan S. Tripp Sophia Ricketson & Ruth S. Wood, who are all present.

The Friends who were appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives, were all in attendance except one who was detained at home by sickness in her family.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth have been read from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Elwood Ozbun from Chestnut Hill Monthly Mg. Iowa & Allen Jay from Springfield Monthly Meeting North Carolina have attended this Meeting producing satisfactory Minutes from their respective Monthly & Quarterly Meetings. their company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens meeting in signing endorsements on their certificates conformable to the above.

Our dear friend Lydia Ozbun companion to her husband Elwood Ozbun and Martha A. Jay, an elder, companion to her husband Allen Jay, have also attended this Meeting. Their company, as well as that of other dear friends who are here without minutes, has also been acceptable to us.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee intrusted with the care and management of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given such attention to its concerns as way has opened for, and feel warranted in stating their belief that the institution, as to its educational capacity, the situation of its financial affairs, and the religious feeling that appears to pervade in an encouraging degree the inmates of the school, was probably never in a better condition.

Since last year the school has grown decidedly in numbers, being now much larger than ever before. The advance in scholarship has also been marked; nearly all the old officers, with their additional experience, have been retained, and courses of lectures by three Professors in Brown University have been established, in addition to the regular studies.

The number of pupils during the Autumn term was two hundred twenty-two, viz., one hundred forty-three boys and seventy-nine girls. Spring term, two hundred nineteen, viz., one hundred forty-one boys and seventy-eight girls.

Notwithstanding the large number of pupils that has been provided for within its walls, with the blessing of a kind Providence but few cases of severe sickness have occurred. During the Fall term the school was remarkably free from illness of any kind, while during the Spring term, although colds have prevailed to some extent, and a number of cases of mild disease have occurred, with a few instances of a more aggravated type, one of which proved fatal, yet the health of the school has been generally good. The case referred to was Ednah L. Barker, the daughter of Adams J. Barker, of Woonsocket. She died of rheumatic fever, and our principal informed us that the sweetness and patience with which she bore her painful illness were a teaching lesson to all around her.

The officers of the school are: Albert K. Smiley, principal; Rebecca H. Smiley, principal of the female department; John Rowell, Job S. Gidley, Alice R. Wing, Bessie T. Wing, Martha G. Read, and Mary Amy Collins, teachers of English branches; Thomas J. Battey, teacher of natural science; Daniel C. Maxfield, teacher of mathematics; Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin, and German; Clarkson Collins, assistant teacher of Latin; Charles H. Gates, teacher of French; Louis Deman, teacher of history; and Katherine H. Austin, teacher of drawing.

After consideration of the subject, the committee came to the conclusion that the best interests of the school would be promoted by returning to the former practice of holding religious meetings for the pupils and family at the school-house. Accordingly, stated meetings for divine worship are now held in the hall of the institution on First-days at 11 o'clock A. M., and on Fourth-days at the same hour. These meetings have been attended by one or more members of the committee, and have been held to good satisfaction. The quiet and orderly deportment of the young people on these occasions has been very commendable. First-day afternoons and evenings have been occupied as heretofore.

Since our last Yearly Meeting a house has been erected for the residence of a farmer and his family, at a cost of	$2,534.63
Payments for additional furniture, water, hose, and expense of moving and resetting outbuildings, have amounted to	1,326.94
	$3,861.57
The annual repairs to the building and furniture paid from the gross receipts of the school have cost over	$4,000.00

From the report of the auditing committee, the receipts and expenditures of the school and charitable funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows:

SCHOOL FUND.

Insurance premium returned,		$97.80
Income from the investments,		6,732.46
		$6,830.26
Paid insurance premium, etc.,	$316.60	
Paid A. K. Smiley,	6,231.82	
Balance on hand,	281.84	$6,830.26

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance of last year's account,		$844.01
Income from investments,		2,240.96
		$3,084.97
Paid school bills,	$2,050.00	
Balance on hand 5 mo., 1874,	1,034.97	3,084.97

This income will warrant the admission of twenty-three pupils on the fund the ensuing year.

The present indebtedness of the school 6th mo. 2, 1874, is as follows:

Due the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for money loaned, and interest,	$15,498.93
On contracts for building a carriage-house, storehouse, shed, etc., now in course of erection,	4,000.00
	$19,498.93
Less unexpended amount of estimated profits of school the present year,	3,750.00
Present indebtedness,	$15,748.93

It is proposed that the present charge for board and tuition be continued, viz.:

For members of this Yearly Meeting,	$100.00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00
For all others that may be admitted,	300.00

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, German, or drawing, one half payable at the opening of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

In conclusion, we feel bound again to commend the school to the special notice and consideration of Friends, believing as we do that we have an institution that is well worthy, from the extent and character of its accommodations and appointments, of the support of the members of our religious society, and that with this united concern for its welfare, and the blessing of Heaven on the well intended efforts of those concerned in its management, it will continue to be an instrumentality for good to the rising generation among us.

On behalf and by direction of the committee.

WM. C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6 mo. 3, 1874.

Note.—The Autumn term begins 9 mo. 2, 1874, and closes 1 mo. 20, 1875.
Winter recess begins 1 mo. 20, 1875, closes 2 mo. 3, 1875.
Spring term begins 2 mo. 3, 1875, closes 6 mo. 23, 1875.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably, for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted on in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. And in all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the Principal. Address Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

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1874. The committee on the subject of General Meetings, have presented a report, which is acceptable to us, and by the request of our last Yearly Meeting, we appoint Dorcas F. Tucker, Elizabeth C. Wing, Huldah Gifford, Mary S. Macomber, Sarah J. Brown Elizabeth Ann Slade, Ruth S. Wood, Eliza G. Wing, Phebe B. Slocum & Jane Gifford, to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends, in sustaining and assisting the Yearly Meetings Committee in the holding of General or Series of Meetings within our limits; and report to this Meeting in the 4 m. next.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again in 10 th. mo. next at Sandwich if the Lord permit -

Anna G. Wood Clerk -

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo. 1st - 1874. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings; we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich - Dorothy Gifford, Catharine Kelley, & Lydia B. Crocker, — from Pembroke, Ruth Ann Shepherd & Lydia G. Randall - from Dartmouth, Huldah Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford & Susan B. Smith - from Westport Lydia Gifford & Esther A. Davis - from New Bedford - Sarah M. Howland, Phebe Howland, Susan S. Tripp, & Hetty E. Howland - who are all present.

Our beloved friend Eliza H. Varney from West Lake Monthly Meeting Canada, and Peace Jones from China Monthly Meeting Maine, attended this Meeting; producing satisfactory minutes, from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements, Their company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Hannah Jane Cody, companion to Eliza H. Varney, has also been with us at this time, presenting a satisfactory minute from Yonge St. Monthly Meeting Canada. Her company has been acceptable to us, & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, in signing indorsements on the certificates of the above named Friends in accordance with this minute.

1874. The Queries have been read with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again at New Bedford in 12 mo. next - if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12 mo - 3 - 1874. By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. - from Sandwich - Lydia N. Bowman, Catharine Kelley, Elizabeth C. Ewer, - from Pembroke Priscilla R. Ellis & Ruth Ann Shepherd - from Dartmouth - Eunice Gidley, Susan B. Kirby & Jane G. Fisher, - from Westport - Hannah R. Gifford & Esther D. Macomber, - from New Bedford Ruth S. Wood, Hannah S. Wing, Hannah Sears, Ann A. Macomber & Amelah Cannon, who are present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned.

Our beloved friend Harriet N. Jones attended this Meeting, producing a satisfactory Minute from Litchfield Monthly Mg. Maine, her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. We have also had with us at this time our dear friend Eli Jones of China Monthly Mg. Maine, who produced credentials expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His Gospel labors have been satisfactory to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Mg - in giving the above named Friends returning Minutes, embracing the substance of the foregoing as it relates to each.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth, have been read from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The business of this Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet in Fourth mo. next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

1875. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 4 mo. 1st. 1875. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting - viz. from Sandwich - Lydia R. Taber, Ruth H. Baker & Lydia B. Dillingham from Pembroke - Sarah J. Brown & Ruth Ann Shepherd, from Dartmouth, Maria B. Smith, & Huldah Gifford, from Westport - Lizzie A Slade & Hannah R. Gifford, from New Bedford - Sylvia G. Howland, Ruth S. Wood, Susan G. Kempton & Phebe S. Delano, who are present except three, for the absence of two satisfactory reasons are assigned.

The time for which the clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives report, that they are united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for clerk, and Susan Taber for assistant clerk, which being united with by this Meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend Hannah B. Sawyer attended this Meeting, presenting a satisfactory minute from Weare Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing an endorsement on her certificate conformable to the above.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, and a summary prepared from the answers, which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Anna G. Wood, Huldah Gifford, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia B. Dillingham Phebe R. Gifford, Hetty E. Howland, Phebe S. Delano, Sarah J. Brown, Dorcas F. Tucker, Hannah R. Gifford, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Mary E. Gifford Elizabeth C. Wing, and Sylvia G. Howland whom we appoint our representatives.

The joint committee appointed in 7 mo. last for the purpose of sustaining & assisting the Yearly Meetings committee in the holding of General Meetings or Series of Meetings within our limits, have presented the following report viz.

1875. To the Quarterly Meeting.

The joint committee appointed in the 7th. month last for the purpose of "Sustaining and assisting the Yearly Meetings committee in the holding of General Meetings and Series of meetings within our limits," report, that during the time Series of Meetings were held at Yarmouth, Falmouth, Sandwich Westport, Allen's Neck, Long Plain and Smiths Neck.

We believe that good fruit has resulted from all these meetings. In some instances this was immediately apparent, while in others its development was gradual, in a deeper work of grace in the hearts of those who had already entered a Christian life.

A General Meeting was also held under the care of the Yearly Meetings Committee at New Bedford in 2 mo. which we believe was also attended by the Divine blessing. Upon a retrospect of the experience of the committee we can thankfully acknowledge that the Dear Master, has evidently blessed this concern, and the labors of those engaged in it.

On behalf of the committee
David Kelley
3 mo-31-1875 — Huldah Gifford.

which report has been accepted by this and the Mens Meeting, and the same committee are continued until the Quarterly Meeting in 7 mo- next,

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 7 mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1875. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Falmouth 7 mo. 1st. 1875.

By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, Sarah S. Bowman, Margaret Wood and Elizabeth C. Wing, from Pembroke, Lydia G. Randall and Ruth A. Shepherd. from Dartmouth Jane G. Fisher, Angeline S. Gidley and Phebe R. Gifford. from Westport Sarah G. Bartlett & Esther A. Macomber. from New Bedford Sarah A. Holmes, Azubah Cannon, Elizabeth H. Wood, Ruth S. Wood, Rhoda Ann Tripp & Susan S. Tripp, who are all present.

The representatives to our late Quarterly Meeting were all in attendance at that time.

We are informed through New Bedford Monthly Mg. that Hannah Tripp an elder deceased 4 mo. 9. 1875. aged 88 years and 2 months.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved Friend Edward C. Young from Westland Monthly Meeting Ohio, and John S. Pennington from Spiceland Monthly Meeting Indiana, have attended this meeting, presenting satisfactory minutes from their respective Monthly & Quarterly Meetings. Their company and religious service have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing indorsements on their certificates confirmable to the above.

The joint Committee appointed for the purpose of sustaining and assisting the Yearly Meetings committee in the holding of General or Series of Meetings within our limits have made a brief verbal report, and the same committee with the addition of Elizabeth C. Ewer are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again in 10 mo. next at Sandwich, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

1875. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Sandwich 10 mo. 7. 1875. By reports received from the Several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich Eliza G. Wing, Lucy S Hoxie; Margaret Wood & Deborah Boyce - Pembroke - Ruth Ann Shepherd, Dartmouth - Maria B. Smith, Hannah P. Gifford & Hannah S. Slocum - Westport - Mary E. Gifford & Mary S. Macomber - New Bedford - Hannah Sears, Elizabeth S. Lawrence, Phebe S. Delano, & Ann H. Dunbar, who are present except five, most of whom have probably been prevented from attending on account of the inclemency of the weather.

The Queries with answers to the 1st - 2nd & 10th. from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved Friend Margaret A. Hathaway from Farmington Monthly Meeting New York & George Richardson from Sidney Monthly Meeting Maine have attended this Meeting producing satisfactory minutes from their respective Meetings. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our dear Friend Sarah M. Richardson from Sidney Monthly Meeting companion to her husband George Richardson is also acceptably with us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing suitable indorsements on the certificates of each of the above named Friends. The company of dear Friends who have been with us, without certificates, has also been truly satisfactory to us.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, under a grateful sense of the blessings bestowed upon us by our dear Lord at this time.

We propose to meet again in New Bedford in 12 mo. next if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1875. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford 12 mo. 2-1875.

By reports received from the several Monthly Mtgs. we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting - viz. from Sandwich - Ruth H. Baker, Lydia B. Dillingham, & Jennie Gifford, from Pembroke - Rhoda B. Ellis & Priscilla R. Ellis, from Dartmouth - Huldah Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, Jane G. Fisher & Hannah P. Gifford - from Westport - Esther M. Davis & Esther A. Macomber - from New Bedford - Ruth S. Wood - Phebe B. Slocum, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Hannah S. Wing And Mary Ann Wing, who are present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assigned.

Our beloved Friend Harriet N. Jones attended this Meeting presenting a satisfactory Minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting Maine, her company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our dear Friend John Carey from Back Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends Indiana, who has presented a certificate of unity from that meeting indorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, in signing suitable indorsements on the certificates of both our dear friends.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in withdrawing our approval of the public appearances in the Ministry of George W. Francis.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude, gratefully acknowledging that we have been blessed together, and ascribing all the praise unto Him to whom alone it is due

We propose to meet again in New Bedford in 4 mo. next if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1876. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in New Bedford, 4 mo. 6 - 1876

By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich Mary H Hoxie, Deborah Boyce & Betsey Akin - from Pembroke Sarah G. Brown & Ruth Ann Shepherd - from Dartmouth - Eunice Gidley, Hannah S. Slocum & Susan B. Kirby - from Westport - Lizzie A. Slade & Abbie G. Macomber - from New Bedford - Lydia A. Ricketson, Mary W. Bennett Sylvia G. Howland, Phebe S. Delano, Hetty E. Howland, & Sarah A. Holmes - who are present except three - for the absence of two a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The time for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed having expired, the representatives report that they are united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for Clerk & Susan S. Tripp for assistant Clerk, which being united with by this meeting, they are accordingly appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read and a Summary prepared from the answers which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Friends Phebe R. Gifford Ruth H. Baker, Sylvia G. Howland, Elizabeth Gifford, Susan T. Thompson, Ruth Ann Shepherd Almira F. Davis, Rachel S Howland, Anna G. Wood Rebecca C. Grinnell, Rhoda T. Gifford, Angeline S. Gidley, Ruth S. Wood, Susan S. Tripp & Phebe Slade.

We are informed through New Bedford Monthly Mg. that Dorcas F. Tucker an elder and member of that Meeting deceased 12 mo. 18 - 1875 aged 65 years 10 months and one day.

We have received information through Westport Monthly Meeting, that the Meeting at Centre which was discontinued in 1869, was again opened 1 mo. 9 - 1876 and is held on First day afternoons at 3 o'clock.

Our beloved friend Mary A. Gifford attended this Meeting producing a satisfactory minute from Sidney Monthly Mg. Maine. Her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing a suitable indorsement on her minute.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE Committee appointed to have the charge and oversight of the Boarding School at Providence, report that they have given attention to their appointment. The school has been satisfactorily conducted, and has, we believe, as in previous years, fully maintained its high standing and usefulness. The religious interest which has been a marked element in the character of those connected with the school, and which has given so much satisfaction to the committee for the past few years, is still continued. Its effect upon the discipline of the school and the conduct of the scholars is in the highest degree encouraging.

The practice pursued in former years of appointing sub-committees for the more immediate care of the school and family during the intervals between e meetings of the general committee has been kept up. Their reports of the itations, of the general conduct of the pupils, and of the harmony and od feeling existing between all the members of the family, have been very acceptable to us. In the report of the sub-committee made in the 2d month, they say "a number of the meetings on First and Fourth days have been attended by one or more of the committee, and they are gratified in being able to report an increasing interest among the pupils in religious things, some of them giving marked evidence of a change of heart as the result of prayerful fforts on the part of their teachers and others, the Holy Spirit giving the in se.

he attendance upon the school has been for the Autumn term, 121 boys 80 girls, for the Spring term 112 boys and 76 girls; of which during the r 112 were members of our society. Ninety-six of these were members of our own Yearly Meeting and sixteen were from other Yearly Meetings. The proportion from our own Yearly Meeting is larger than for some time past.

At the time of making the report last year, the school was indebted to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in the sum of $15,552.59. In 10th month last the amount due from the city of Providence for land taken for the widening of Hope street, and in opening Lloyd avenue from Hope street to Arlington avenue was paid. The sum received was $28,000.50. The committee was thus enabled to discharge the above-named indebtedness, to pay for money hired on account of expense incurred the previous year in building the fence around the premises, and also to pay for curbing laid by the city on the line of Hope street, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the school committee of $4,811.98.

By a statement from the Treasurer of the school fund it appears that the income and payments on that fund have been as follows:

ON GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$108.61
Income from the fund,	7,091.59
Return premium of the insurance,	182.75
Received from the city of Providence, for land taken for streets,	28,000.50
	$35,383.45

Paid insurance premiums,	$512.50
Paid George Howland, Jr., Treasurer Yearly Meeting, per order of the school committee,	28,000.50
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, for receipts,	6,829.60
Balance on hand,	40.85
	$35,383.45

CHARITABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$910.32
Income from the fund,	2,409.38
	$3,319.70
Paid school bills,	$2,350.00
Balance on hand,	969.70
	$3,319.70

The expenses of the school for the current year, as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows :

Paid for salaries,	$13,710.00
Paid for wages,	5,595.75
Paid for provisions,	14,015.35
Paid for fuel and light,	3,376.88
Paid for repairs, annual,	4,410.92
Paid for incidentals,	818.08
	$41.926.98
The income for board and tuition was	36,147.38
Income from fund,	6,829.60
	$42,976.98
Expenses,	41,926.98
Balance or profits,	$1,050.00

At a meeting of the committee, held 5th mo. 30th, we were informed, that, by a recent law of the State of Rhode Island, the property belonging to the Yearly Meeting, on which the school buildings are located, is liable to taxation. We would therefore recommend, in order to increase our income to meet this additional expense, as well as to add to our school fund, that the school committee be authorized to take legal measures to enable them to sell such portion of the premises not already directed to be sold, as may be advisable and for the best interests of the Institution.

For the information of the Yearly Meeting we would state, that, in consequence of the heavy grade on Lloyd street (being, in the deepest part of the cut, 11 feet) the Institution may be subjected to a considerable expense, in forming the embankment made necessary by such grading, and in resetting the fence ; and also by the cost of curbing on the line of said street, a large portion of the funds now on hand may be absorbed.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year now closing :

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences.
Alonzo Williams, teacher of Greek, Latin and German.
John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, teacher of English branches.
Joel Bean, Accountant and teacher of English branches.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal Female Department.
Alice R. Wing, Governess and teacher of Grammar and Rhetoric.
Bessie T. Wing, teacher of French, History and Literature.
Martha G. Reed, teacher of Mathematics.
Mary Amey Collins, teacher of English branches.
Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches.
Susan Godding, teacher of Drawing and Painting.

The health of the family during the past year has been generally good, although a few cases of sickness have occurred among the pupils, in all of which we are gratified in being able to state that they recovered, and in most of the instances resumed their places in the school.

Meetings for religious worship have been held at the school as previously, on First and Fourth days, at 11 o'clock A. M. These meetings have frequently been attended by members of the committee, and have been both interesting and satisfactory.

The afternoon of the First day of the week has been occupied as heretofore with Scripture lessons, in which the whole school is engaged.

It is proposed that the charges for board and tuition for the coming year be

For members of our Yearly meeting,	$100.00	per annum.
For members of other Yearly meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00	"
For all others who may be admitted,	300.00	"

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., Clerk.

Providence, 5 mo. 30, 1876.

NOTE. — The Autumn term begins 9th mo. 6th, 1876, and closes 1st mo. 24th, 1877.
Winter recess " 1st mo. 24th, 1877, " 2d mo. 7th, 1877.
The Spring term " 2d mo. 7th, 1877, " 6th mo. 25th, 1877.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 1st of Eighth month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly meeting will have precedence of all others to that date ; after which applications will be acted upon, in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified. In all cases of application on the fund, full answers will be required to a series of questions which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

TO FRIENDS OF THE MONTHLY AND PREPARATIVE MEETINGS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

At the meeting of the School Committee, 5 mo. 30th, 1876, the following series of questions, to be answered by the applicants for the benefit of the Charitable Fund, was adopted, and the Clerk was directed to cause them to be printed and forwarded to the Clerks of the Monthly Meetings, for distribution.

1. Name ?
2. Age ?
3. Name of Parents or Guardian ?
4. Address of Parents or Guardian ?
5. Monthly meeting of Parents or Guardian ?
6. Pecuniary circumstances of the family, number of children, and opportunities for education at home ?
7. Moral character of applicant ?

In the case of boys, state particularly whether or not they are addicted to profane language or to the use of tobacco.

8. What studies were pursued in the last school attended by applicant ? What progress made in each ?
9. Is it his or her purpose to teach ?

To which questions, full and explicit answers will be required from a responsible party, in order that the Committee may be better able to judge in the cases of those applying for such benefit, and when answered, to be sent to A. K. SMILEY, Principal Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I., *in time* for the meeting of the Committee 8th mo. 1st. *At that meeting all the vacancies on the fund will be filled.*

We reappoint the committee that served last year, with the exception of Elizabeth H. Austin in the place of our dear friend Dorcas F. Tucker, deceased, to unite with a committee of Men Friends in extending necessary care to the Institution the ensuing year.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin Buffum.	Ellen K. Buffum.
Charles F. Coffin.	Ann Maria Coffin.

George Howland, Jr.
Edward Earle.
Augustus F. Cox.
Timothy B. Hussey.
Charles B. Cates.
Moses Bailey.
George Bowen.
William Forster Mitchell.
Charles R. Tucker.
William C. Taber.
Edward W. Howland.
George L. Collins.
Samuel R. Buffinton.
Thomas B. Buffum.

Anna G. Wood.
S. Jane Cox.
Ann B. Earle.
Margaret B. Cates.
Anna M. Hussey.
Hannah J. Bailey.
Laura S. Collins.
Rebecca C. Grinnell.
Elizabeth H. Austin.
Ann K. Colton.
Lydia Haight.
Sylvia G. Howland.
Phebe S. Gifford.
Hannah B. Sawyer.

Essays of Epistles to our sisters of Kansas, Canada and Ohio Yearly Meetings, have been read and approved.

The Friends named to nominate a Committee for service in various parts of our Yearly Meeting have presented the following, viz.:

Committee to Visit Subordinate Meetings.

Eli Jones.
Thomas B. Buffum.
Benjamin H. Jones.
Lydia Haight.
Anna G. Wood.
Anabella E. Winn.
Charles M. Jones.
Matthew Howland.
Harriet N. Jones.
Hannah J. Bailey.
S. Narcissa Jacob.
William P. Macomber.
Phebe S. Gifford.

Esther Jones.
Harriet D. Collins.
Jane C. Minott.
Joseph E. Macomber.
J. William Jacob.
John F. Tucker.
James P. Boyce.
William Thompson.
Sarah W. Goddard.
Martha E. Pratt.
Susan T. Thompson.
I. Warren Hawkes.
Henry T. Wood.

Legislative Acts of Maine and Rhode Island, incorporating the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends in New England, have been read.

And in accordance with the provisions of said acts, it is concluded, that when this Meeting adjourns, it be to meet at Portland, in the State of Maine, next year; provided, that our Representative Meeting investigate the subject, and no valid or legal objections appear but what can be surmounted and if from any cause it becomes necessary to meet next year at Newport, the said Representative Meeting is directed to give ample notice thereof.

The article of our Discipline on pages 80 and 81 being made to conform to the change of place in holding the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee on Temperance, report as follows, viz. :

THE NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

The committee appointed to have the care of the cause of Temperance in New England Yearly Meeting, have attended to that service, and submit the following report :

While we lament a want of sympathy with the movement, painfully apparent in some places within our limits, our hearts have been encouraged, and our hopes of ultimate success strengthened, by an evident increase of interest in the Society at large, in this important work, during the year. Nearly all of our Monthly Meetings have responded to the request of the Yearly Meeting, by appointing committees to co-operate with us in the work.

With a desire to present to this Meeting a definite and accurate report of the standing of its members on this important subject, a pledge was prepared by your committee, and copies presented to each of our Monthly Meetings, with the request that Friends would sign it, or give their reasons for a refusal. A large majority of our members have cheerfully responded, by placing their signatures to it. A few, however, and among these some of our dearest and most influential Friends, have declined, and in a few instances without giving a reason for this refusal. Consequently, the work is incomplete. Two public meetings have been held, one in Windham, Me., and the other in Dover, N. H., both of which were largely attended, and, we believe, productive of excellent results. Considerable labor has been bestowed among the children in our First Day Schools, and a large amount of temperance literature distributed.

At a meeting of the committee, held in Portland in Tenth Month last, a sub-committee was appointed, for such especial effort in the cause of Temperance as they may see needs to be done. Through their influence, a ference of Ministers was called, in the city of Boston, the 15th and 16t 3d mo. last. The objects of holding this convention were, first, to streng the clergy, and make them more in *earnest*. Second, to open the way for a union of church effort in the great Total Abstinence movement of the day. This concern was cordially entered into by others, especially by the Boston Christian Temperance Union, J. B. Dunn president. J. P. Boyce, of Lynn, found, in this Association, a cordial co-worker, and with its aid and influence the Convention was called,— the published proceedings of which gives the attendance as 241. It is confidently asserted that 400 ministers were in attendance during the session. It is believed that no Temperance Convention has ever been held in New England, the influence of which will be so widely felt as this. It was gratifying, while humiliating, to be made aware of the high esteem in which our Society is held, and yet, *so undeserving*. In view

1876. The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again in 7 mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood. Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 6. 1876. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Elizabeth C. Ewer, Betsey Wing, & Dorothy Gifford; from Pembroke Alice R. Shepherd - from Dartmouth Phebe R. Gifford, Angeline S. Gidley, & Hannah P. Gifford; from Westport Esther A. Macomber & Hannah R. Gifford; from New Bedford Phebe S. Delano, Ruth S. Wood, Sophia Ricketson, Adelaide V. Wilbur & Mary C. Baylies - who are all present.

The representatives to the Yearly Mg. were all in attendance except one, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

Our beloved friend Samuel Humphrey from Worcester England attended this Meeting, presenting certificates from Worcestershire & Shropshire Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Western Quarterly Meeting, also a minute from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in London, 5 mo. 1875. His certificates together with his company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friends Daniel Hill from Clear Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, Elkanah Beard from White River Monthly Meeting and John P. Pennington from Spiceland Monthly Meeting Indiana, have also attended this Meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, all expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements their company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Melissa J. Pennington companion to her husband John P. Pennington, has also been with us at this time with a Minute from Spiceland Monthly Meeting Indiana, her company has also been satisfactory to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, in signing endorsements on the certificates of all the Above named Friends, in accordance with this minute.

1876. The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our Several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

The Committee appointed on the subject of General Meetings have presented the following report,

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

The joint committee on General Meetings report - That a series of Meetings have been held in New Bedford since the report in the Fourth month, which was satisfactory and much to our encouragement.

For the committee -

Charles R. Tucker.

which is acceptable to us, and the same committee who served last year, with the exception of our dear friend Dorcas F. Tucker deceased, and the addition of Rebecca C. Grinnell, is reappointed to that service for the ensuing year. The committee is as follows - Elizabeth C. Wing, Huldah Gifford, Mary S. Macomber, Sarah G. Brown, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Ruth S. Wood, Eliza G. Wing; Phebe B. Slocum, Jane Gifford, Elizabeth K. Ewer, and Rebecca C. Grinnell.

The business of the Meeting having been conducted in much harmony and love - we conclude, proposing to meet in 10th month next at Sandwich, if the Lord permit -

Anna G. Wood Clerk -

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Sandwich 10 mo 6. 1876. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz from Sandwich, Mary H. Howes, Deborah Boyce, and Rhoda C. Wing; from Pembroke, Lydia G. Randall and Ruth Ann Shepherd, from Dartmouth Hetty G. Potter, Hannah S. Gifford, and Maria B. Smith from Westport, Mary S. Macomber and Isabella L. Gifford, from New Bedford, Anne R. Anthony, Sarah H. Anthony, Elizabeth H. Wood, Mary Ann Wing and Charlotte Cowen, who are present except one who was prevented from attending by indisposition.

1876. We are informed through New Bedford Monthly Meeting that Mary Gifford an elder and member of that Monthly Mg deceased 8 mo 5- 1876 aged 89 years. 10 months & 26 days Mary Shaw a beloved minister of that Meeting, died 8 mo. 27- 1876- aged 92 years 9 months and 4 days-

Our beloved Friends Fernando G. Cartland from Deep River Monthly Meeting (North Carolina), and Obadiah Chace from Swansea Monthly Meeting Rhode Island attended this Meeting, presenting satisfactory Minutes from their respective Meetings, their company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, in signing endorsements on their certificates conformable to the above.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We are informed by the Mens Meeting that in Seventh month last, they appointed a Committee to visit Pembroke Monthly Meeting at their own request. The report of the Committee has been read in this Meeting at this time, and in conformity with its recommendation we unite with Men Friends in discontinuing that Monthly Meeting, also the Preparative and mid-week Meetings for the present, the members composing that Meeting, to be annexed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting, unless they should prefer Sandwich. The members now composing that Monthly Meeting, are to receive the benefit of any fund now held by them, and should they require aid it shall be rendered at the charge of this Quarterly Mg.

An interesting and acceptable epistle from our dear sisters of Iowa Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again in the 12 mo. at New-Bedford if the Lord permit-

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1876. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 7. 1876. By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Lydia N. Bowerman, Mary H. Hoxie and Margaret Wood, from Dartmouth Jane G. Fisher, Abby H. Cornell & Phebe R. Gifford, from Westport, Esther A. Macomber and Phebe Slade, from New Bedford Anna G. Wood, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Bayliss & Phebe S. Dennis, who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our dear friend, Johnson Brown from West Lake Monthly Meeting Canada, and David Douglas from Raysville Monthly Meeting Indiana, and J. William Grant from China Monthly Meeting Maine, attended this Meeting presenting satisfactory Minutes from their respective Meetings, their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in signing suitable endorsements on their certificates in conformity with this Minute.

We unite with Men Friends in accepting the report of the committee appointed to have the oversight and care of dissolving Pembroke Monthly Meeting, and in accordance therewith Pembroke Monthly Meeting is discontinued, and its members annexed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted in 4th. mo. next, at New Bedford.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1877. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 5th 1877. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives from Sandwich are Lydia B. Dillingham Lucy S. Kelley & Rebecca D. Ewer, from Dartmouth Angeline S. Gidley, Huldah Gifford & Abby H. Cornell, from Westport Esther M. Davis, & Hannah R. Gifford, from New Bedford Mary C. Bayliss, Adelaide V. Wilbur Sarah H. Anthony, Ruth S. Ward & Phebe T. Howland. The representatives being called were all present except one, who was prevented from attending by sickness in her family.

Mary C. Bayliss on behalf of the representatives informs that they have conferred together, and are united in proposing the reappointment of Anna G. Wood as clerk, and Susan S. Tripp as assistant clerk of this Meeting, which being united with they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read and a summary prepared from the answers which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Phebe R. Gifford Rachel S. Howland, Elizabeth C. Wing Charity G. Chace, Esther A. Macomber Lucy S. Kelley, Anna G. Wood, Rebecca C. Gammell, Lydia N. Bowman, Sophia Ricketson, Susan T. Thompson Lydia B. Dillingham and Sylvia G. Howland, whom we appoint our representatives.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished, under a grateful sense of the Lord's blessing and favor, we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in the 7th. mo. next at Falmouth.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1877. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 5 - 1877. By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich Mary Hoxie, Betsey Akin, Rebecca C. Gifford & Lucy T. Kelley, from Dartmouth Maria B. Smith, Elizabeth S. H. Smith and Phebe K. Gifford, from Westport, Hannah R. Gifford and Lizzie S. Macomber, from New Bedford Ruth S. Wood, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Susan G. Kempton, Phebe S. Delano and Susan S. Tripp, who are present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

The Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives were all in attendance except two, whose absence was occasioned by sickness and other circumstances.

Our beloved Friends Joel & Hannah E. Bean from Providence Monthly Meeting, Anabella E. Winn from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, & Edward C. Young from Westlan Monthly Mtg. Logan County Ohio, have all attended this Meeting presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings all expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagement. Their company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The company of our dear Friend Harriet N. Jones who is here without a minute has also been acceptable.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We unite with Men Friends in appointing a committee on General Meetings, to assist and cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee in carrying out the concerns that may come before them viz. Charity G. Chace, Angeline S. Gidley, Phebe Slade, Ruth S. Wood, Elizabeth C. Wing, Rebecca Hoag, Phebe L. Kelley, Hannah S. Wing, Huldah Gifford and Mary E. Gifford, who are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The business of the Meeting having been conducted in much harmony and love, we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted in Tenth month next at Sandwich.

Anna G. Wood - Clerk.

trict; and Henry A. Jepson, companion to our Friend John Y. Hoover, with a minute of unity from Springdale Monthly Meeting, Iowa, are acceptably in attendance.

8. We have received truly acceptable Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Brumana, Mount Lebanon, Syria.

9. These communications of brotherly love and interest, have been very satisfactory and encouraging to us at this time, and our beloved distant Friends have been brought affectionately to our rememberance, and we appoint the following named Friends a committee to prepare essays of Epistles to those Meetings respectively, including London and Kansas Yearly Meetings, from which as yet no Epistles have been received this year, viz: — Wm. C. Taber, Joseph Cartland, Eli Jones, James P. Boyce, J. Wm. Jacob, I. Warren Hawks, James G. Arnold, Albert K. Smiley, Timothy K. Earle, George Howland, Jr., Josiah Holmes, Jr., Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Joel Bean, Timothy B. Hussey, Matthew Howland, John F. Tucker, George Richardson, Samuel Buffum, James Plummer, Malatiah Gifford, Benjamin F. Knowles, Thomas Wood, Joseph E. Macomber, Albert F. Minott, Charles H. Jones, Lemuel Jones, Charles B. Cates, Gideon Wood, Joseph E. Briggs, David K. Akin, Charles M. Jones and Josiah Philbrook.

10. We appoint our Friends Eli Jones, Samuel R. Buffinton, Henry T. Wood, Augustus F. Cox, Jacob K. Purinton and George Douglass a committee to unite with a similar committee of Women Friends, to make all necessary arrangements for holding religious meetings during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting, as way may open in the truth. Also to propose times and places for the various committees to meet, who are now, or may be under appointment in the service of this meeting.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon. —Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

11. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing the names of William O. Newhall for Clerk, Henry T. Wood for Assistant Clerk, and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Reader; which nom-

inations being severally approved by the Meeting, they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

12. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have directed their Treasurers to pay their quotas of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

13. Our beloved Friends Thomas W. Ladd and Seneca H. Stevens, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Wm. Wetherald from Canada Yearly Meeting, are acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with certificates from their Meetings respectively, expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements.

14. The committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented the following report, viz : —

To the Yearly Meeting .

The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, report, that the interests of the institution confided to them have received their attention. The practice pursued in former years, of visiting the school at stated periods, by the general committee, and in the intervals between such general meetings, by a sub-committee, has been continued. While some of the committee have attended all the general meetings, and many others several of them, we have to report that some of those under appointment by the Yearly Meeting, have failed to be present at any of our meetings, during the year.

The condition of the school in all respects, as we believe, fully sustains the view presented by us last year ; its efficiency for high moral and educational culture is not in any degree impaired, the religious element which has been so marked a feature in the school and family continues, and great harmony has prevailed.

The health of the family for the year has been unusually good.

There has been a great increase in the number of pupils pursuing a regular course of study, which has given a more permanent character to the school ; the present graduating class is much the largest (18) since the establishment of the course.

The number in attendance upon the school the past year has been for the Autumn term, 105 boys and 91 girls ; and for the Spring term, 97 boys and 95 girls ; of these 106 were members of our religious society ; 84 from New England, and 22 from other Yearly Meetings. The average attendance of members of our own Yearly meeting is larger this year than last, which is encouraging and satisfactory to us.

At the Yearly Meeting last year a minute was made authorizing the School Committee to make sale of such portion of the school premises, if way opens for it, as in their judgment will best promote the interests of that institution, first obtaining legal authority from the Supreme Court of Rhode Island, to sell, convey and dispose of all said lands, or any part thereof.

To carry out the directions of the Yearly Meeting as above cited, the Committee at their first meeting after the adjournment of the Yearly Meeting, appointed a sub-committee of their number for that purpose, who, through counsel, made application to the Supreme Court of Rhode Island for the required authority, which resulted in obtaining a decree of that Court dated "March 10th, 1877" giving to the Yearly Meeting "full power and lawful right and authority at any time, or from time to time, to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, discharged of the trusts of said deeds or either of them, such part or parts of the land conveyed by said deeds or by either of them, as may not, in the judgment of said Yearly Meeting of Friends be needed for the uses of said school," a copy of which decree, in full, is herewith presented.

The committee have directed that the entire school premises be regularly laid out and plotted with reference to such contemplated sale, and are able to report that they have within the past few weeks effected the sale of one lot on the corner of Hope street and Lloyd avenue, with a reasonable expectation of a demand for others before very long.

The grading of Lloyd avenue (as was intimated in our report last year) necessitated the lowering and resetting of the fence for some distance on the line of said avenue, and also the building of another fence on the top of the embankment, for the greater protection of the girls play ground, which has been done.

In the early part of the school year, the committee on repairs, was authorized to make such changes as they might deem necessary in the windows in the center building of the house, and also to enlarge the drying room connected with the laundry; they reported in the 4th Month that they had changed all the windows in the front of the house and some on the north side, at a cost of about $1,318; that they have raised the roof of the wash room, and have also added thirty feet to its length, and have made a drying room over the same, costing about $1,650.

The following statement represents our financial condition:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$40.85
Income from the fund,	6,387.87
Return premiums of insurance,	347.50
	$6,776.22

PAYMENTS.

Paid premium of insurance,	$512.50
Paid Albert K. Smiley, Principal,	6,263.72
	$6,776.22

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$969.70
Income from the fund,	2,421.05
	$3,390.75

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills,	$2,400.00
Balance on hand,	990.75
	$3,390.75

The receipts and expenditures of the school for the year 1876-77, as nearly as they can be ascertained at the present time, are as follows :

Income of board and tuition,	$36,795.37
Income of fund,	6,263.72
	$43,059.09

Paid for salaries,	$13,983.00
Paid for wages,	5,674.53
Paid for provisions,	13,914.19
Paid for fuel and light,	2,714.45
Paid for water,	321.99
Paid for repairs,	4,212.49
Paid for incidentals,	238.44
Profits, year 1876-77,	2,000.00
	$43,059.09

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the Committee.

By balance from last year,	$4,811.98
By amount received for interest.	122.00
	$4,933.98

To cash paid Jas. Tillinghast, two bills,	$487.45
To cash paid City of Providence tax,	2,982.65
To balance on hand to new account,	1,463.88
	$4,933.98

The names of the officers and teachers for the year, which will close with the present term, are comprised in the following list :

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, teacher of Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, teacher of German and English branches.
Seth K. Gifford, teacher of Latin and Greek.
J. Oscar Winslow, Assistant teacher of Latin and Greek.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.
Alice W. Maxfield, Governess and teacher of English branches, autumn term.
Susan S. Moore, Governess and teacher of English branches, spring term.
Bessie T. Wing, teacher of French, History and Literature.
Martha G. Read, teacher of Mathematics.
Hannah E. Bean, teacher of English branches.
Mary Amy Collins, teacher of English branches.
Antoinette A. Bassett, teacher of Drawing and Painting.
Joel Bean, Clerk and Accountant.

Meetings for religious worship have been continued at the school on First and

Fourth days at 11 o'clock A. M. A number of these have been attended by different members of the committee with feelings of satisfaction and comfort.

The afternoon of First day as heretofore has been occupied with Scripture lessons.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition for the coming year be :

For members of our Yearly Meeting, ...	$100.00	per annum.
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such, . . .	190.00	" "
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300.00	" "

One half payable at the commencement of the year, and one half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 5th, 1877, and closes 1st Mo. 23d, 1878.
Winter recess " 1st Mo. 23d, 1878, and closes 2d Mo. 6th, 1878.
The Spring term " 2d Mo. 6th, 1878, and closes 6th Mo. 24th, 1878.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the committee on the 31st of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date ; after which applications will be acted upon, in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified. In all cases of application on the fund, full answers will be required to a series of questions which will be furnished to the clerks of the several Monthly Meetings, on whom the applicants will please call for such questions.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, ALBERT K. SMILEY, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

15. Which having been read, and seriously considered, is approved by this Meeting. We appoint Obadiah Chase, Samuel R. Buffinton, Joseph Cartland, John H. Crosman, Henry T. Wood, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Charles W. Webber, Abel C. Munroe, Timothy K. Earle, Thomas B. Nichols, Charles B. Cates, Ira T. Jenkins, Albert C. Buffum, Isaac Winslow and Henry Winslow, a committee to join a similar committee of Women Friends, to present at a future sitting the names of Friends, for a committee to have the charge and oversight of that Institution the ensuing year.

16. The following Friends, Obadiah Chase, Joseph S. Nichols, Malatiah Gifford, Lemuel Jones, James G. Arnold, Caleb Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Reuben T. Jones are appointed to prepare

a summary of the answers to the queries from our Quarterly Meetings and present it to our next sitting.

17. We appoint Benjamin F. Knowles, Moses Sawyer, Matthew Howland, George Douglass, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Cates, Albert C. Buffum and Reuben T. Jones a committee to audit and settle the Treasurer's account to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised, sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; also, to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer, and the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report to a future sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on Second-day morning, the 11th.

SECOND-DAY — MORNING, 6TH MONTH, 11TH.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except two.

18. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thomas Harkness, to the station of Elder, and with South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Abel F. Collins and Electa Jane Collins, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Potter to the same station. Anna Mott, an Elder, and member of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, died 6th Month, 17th, 1876, aged 78 years, 11 months and 19 days. Hannah Dame, an Elder, and member of the same Meeting, died 4th Month, 3d, 1877, aged 72 years, 5 months and 9 days. Deborah Howland, an Elder, died 5th Month, 27th, 1876, aged 81 years. Perez Peck, an Elder, died 6th Month, 15th, 1876, aged 89 years and 9 months. Jonathan Freeborn, an Elder, 8th Month, 26th, 1876, aged 82 years, 4 months and 10 days, all members of Greenwich Monthly Meeting; also, that it has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in laying down Smithfield Preparative Meeting, and the meeting for worship occuring on the same day, and annexing the members thereof to Providence Preparative Meeting.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that Stephen A. Chase, an Elder, and member of Salem Monthly Meeting, deceased 7th Month,

1877. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo - 4 - 1877.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Catharine Kelley, Mary H. Hoxie, Sarah K. Coleman and Lydia B. Dillingham — from Dartmouth Angeline S. Gidley, Phebe R. Gifford and Susan Kirby, — from Westport, Lizzie A. Slade and Almira F. Davis — from New-Bedford Sylvia G. Howland, Azubah Cannon, Ruth Anne Shepherd and Ruth S. Wood, who are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

In the absence of the Clerk, Susan S. Tripp is appointed Clerk, and Susan S. Thompson assistant clerk for the day.

The Queries, with answers to the First, Second and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

Our beloved friends Elwood Scott of Oak Ridge Monthly Meeting, Grant County Indiana, and Seneca K. Stevens of Amawalk Monthly Meeting, held at Yorktown, West Chester County, New York; have attended this Meeting, presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements; Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is at liberty to unite with the clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing indorsements on their certificates in conformity with this Minute.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted in 12 mo next, at New Bedford.

Susan S. Tripp.
Clerk for the day.

1877. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo - 6 - 1877.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz, from Sandwich Charity G. Chace, Mary Ann Holway and Catharine Kelley - from Dartmouth Eunice Gidley, Hannah S. Slocum, Phebe K. Gifford, and Elizabeth H. Smith, - from Westport, Esther A. Macomber, Esther M. Davis, & Hannah R. Gifford - from New Bedford, Ruth Almy, Sarah B. Slade, Hetty E. Howland and Phebe S. Delano, who are all present except one.

Our beloved friends Peace Jones from China Monthly Mtg. Maine, Martha N. Hunt from Durham Monthly Meeting Maine, Charlotte D. Holmes from Smithfield Monthly Meeting Rhode Island, and George E. Dillingham from Winneshiek Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa, have all attended this Meeting, presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings. all expressive of unity with them, and with their present religious engagements. Their company and Gospel labors, have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Frances C. Dillingham, with a minute from Winneshiek Monthly Meeting as companion to her husband George E. Dillingham has also been acceptably with us at this time. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Mens Meeting, in signing indorsements on the certificates of our Friends in conformity with the foregoing minutes.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read at this time.

We are informed by Men Friends, that New Bedford Monthly Meeting has united in releasing Jabez Wood from the station of elder.

They also inform that Westport Monthly Mg. has discontinued their Preparative Meeting for the present, and that the mid-week Meeting held at Newtown belonging to Dartmouth Monthly Mg. is also discontinued.

The business of the Meeting having been accomplished with a grateful acknowledgment for the favors received this day, we conclude, proposing to meet in Fourth mo.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

HAVING CHARGE OF THE

BOARDING SCHOOL

AT PROVIDENCE,

6 mo., 1875,

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence report:—That they have given attention to their appointment, and feel authorized to state that it has fully maintained the high standing it has held for several years past. Its educational character, evinced by the large class prepared to graduate at the close of the present term, was never better. The conduct of the pupils has been generally satisfactory, and the moral and religious feeling, that has in good degree pervaded the school, has been gratifying to the Committee. The standard of Scholarship is thought to be much in advance of former years.

In his last Report to the Committee our Principal states, that "we have had during the past year an unusually large number of advanced pupils, interested in their studies, who have given tone and character to the school. The hearty co-operation of these older pupils in the discipline of the school has, I believe, rendered the past ~~year~~ a pleasant and profitable one to all concerned."

The Sub-Committees, appointed for the more immediate care of the school and family have, at different times, presented satisfactory reports of the recitations witnessed by them, and of the harmony and good feeling prevailing among the members of the household.

The number of pupils in attendance during the Autumn term, was two hundred thirty-seven, viz: one hundred forty-three boys and ninety-four girls;—Spring term, two hundred sixteen, viz: one hundred twenty-six boys and ninety girls. Of this number seventy attending the Autumn term and sixty-five the Spring term, were members of our own Yearly Meeting, and twenty-four in the Autumn term and twenty-five in the Spring term belong to other Yearly Meetings of Friends, making ninety-four pupils in the Autumn term, and ninety in the Spring term, members of our religious society who have been in attendance of the school the current year.

We now present a summary of payments for the year ending 6 mo. 1874, as reported by the auditing committee, and the net earnings of the school for the same time;

Payments on account of permanent improvements to 6 mo. 26, 1874, including part payment for carriage house,	$4766.67
Paid Geo. Howland, Jr., Treas. Yearly Meeting on acct. of interest,	600.00
	$5,366.67
Net earnings year ending 6 mo. 1874,	$4606.12
Paid over income	$760.55
Since our last Yearly Meeting a carriage and store house adjoining the barn, with a basement for roots and vegetables, has been completed, at a cost of	$3898.17
The steam boiler has been removed from the kitchen and placed in a building outside, cost	1375.69
A substantial board fence eight feet high has been carried around the school premises embraced by Lloyd, Hope, Thayer and Olney streets and Arlington av-	

enue, the whole length of which is 5984 feet, cost	4579.22
438 yards concrete walks have been laid, costing	219.00
Whole amount of outlay	$10,072.08

The indebtedness of the school 6 mo. 1, 1875, is as follows, subject to correction, when the yearly accounts are made up and the amount of profits definitely ascertained;

Outlay for improvements as above,		$10,072.08
Less paid and entered in last year's account,		924.00
		9148.08
Paid Geo. Howland, Jr., Treas. Yearly Meeting on account of Interest,		1000.00
" Interest on money hired to meet payments		462.58
" Balance over income 1873—74		760.55
		11,371.21
Less estimated profits of the school 1874----5		4013.84
		7357.37
Due on notes of the Treas. Yearly Mtg.	15,061.89	
" for interest accrued	490.70	15,552.59
Making an amount of indebtedness of		22,909.96

When the last annual report was presented to the Yearly Meeting, it was confidently expected, that the land taken for streets adjoining the school premises by the City of Providence would have been paid for, during the past Summer, thereby enabling the committee to pay the obligations already incurred, as well as the improvements then had in view, and also for fencing the land, rendered necessary by the new streets then opened, but, on account of some informality in the action of the city government, the payment has not been made, although the committee have endeavored to press our claims. The sum claimed from the city will more than pay all indebtedness.

From a statement received from the Treasurer of the School Funds, the receipts and payments on account of the School and Charitable Funds, including the Ebenezer Metcalf and other donations, are as follows;

SCHOOL FUND.

1875, 5th mo 17, Balance on hand last year		281.84
Income from the fund		6953.20
Return on Fire Insurance		286.09
		$7521.13
Paid Fire Insurance Premium	525.00	
" A. K. Smiley for use of school	6887.52	
Balance on hand	108.61	7521.13

CHARITABLE FUNDS.

1875, 5 mo 17, Balance on hand last year		1034.97
Income from the Fund		2425.35
		$3460.32
Paid Yearly Meeting bills for board and tuition	2550 00	
Balance on hand	910.32	3460.32

There will probably be available for the next school year twenty-four hundred dollars.

The expenses of the school for the year ending 6 mo. 1875, as near as can now be ascertained, are as follows;

Paid for salaries	14,883.84
" " wages (not including farm labor, which is charged in the item "Provisions," all the products of the Farm being applied to the use of the School)	5067.25
" " Provisions	18,005.36
" " Fuel and lighting	3593.99
" " Annual repairs	6164.22
" " Incidental expenses	735.53
Total	$48,450.19

The average cost of each pupil for board and tuition for the year, from above data, is $241.05.

The income for board and tuition was	45,576.51
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Total receipts	52,464.03

Cost of maintaining the School as above	48,450.19
Showing the approximate earnings to be	$4,013.84

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About six weeks after the opening of the Spring term, four scholars were at one time taken sick with scarlet fever, which then prevailed to a great extent in the city of Providence, one of whom P. Edward Moore, aged sixteen, son of Prince G. Moore of West Falmouth, Mass., died on the 22d of third month, after an illness of less than two days. This young man bore an estimable character in the school, and his sudden death made a deep impression on the family. Another, B. Herbert Gifford, aged seventeen, son of James E. Gifford of West Falmouth, Mass., died after a lingering illness of five weeks, fourth month 28th, 1875, a short time after his return home.

On the occasion here referred to some fears were entertained that a general spread of the disease among the children might be anticipated, but by carefully isolating those who were first taken, and permitting some who desired it to return to their homes, the sickness, through the blessing of a kind overruling Providence, did not spread. It speaks well for the healthfulness of the locality, and for the arrangements made, and appliances provided to promote the health and comfort of the pupils and teachers, that so general a condition of health has prevailed.

Meetings for religious worship continue to be held at the School, on First days at 11 o'clock, A. M., and on Fourth days at the same hour. These meetings, particularly on First days, have been usually attended by one or more members of the Committee, and frequently by ministering friends who have found it in the line of their duty to visit the children in the love of the dear Saviour, and they have been interesting and satisfactory. We would encourage friends to embrace these opportunities to meet with the pupils and their teachers, believing that they would be much benefitted by the interest thus manifested in their religious welfare.

First day afternoons are occupied with Scripture lessons, by the whole school, as heretofore.

It is proposed that the present charges for board and tuition be continued, viz;—

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	100.00, per annum.
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or where one or both parents are members of	

our religious society, or for scholars sent at the expense of such,	190.00	"	"
For all others who may be admitted	300.00	"	"

An additional charge of ten dollars to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing;—One half payable at the commencement of the year and one half at the opening after recess.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

WM .C. TABER, Clerk.

Providence, 6 mo. 1, 1875.

NOTE—The Autumn term	begins,	9mo	1, '75	& closes	1 mo	19, '76.
" Winter recess	"	1	19, '76	"	2	2, '76.
" Spring term	"	2	2, '76	"	6	21, '76.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3rd of 8th month next. Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date, after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds, or of the Ebenezer Metcalf donation, should apply at the time specified. In all cases information is expected of the age, moral habits, and literary attainments of the applicant.

All applications should be made to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Principal Friend's Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

1878. next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

4mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo 4th. 1878. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Hannah S. Wing, Deborah Boyce and Lydia B. Dillingham, from Dartmouth – Jane G. Fisher, Maria B. Smith, Phebe R. Gifford and Huldah Gifford, from Westport – Esther M. Davis and Lizzie A. Gifford, from New Bedford, – Mary A. Smith, Sarah H. Anthony, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Sylvia G. Howland and Sarah B. Slade, who being called were all present.

Lydia B. Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informs, that they are united in the reappointment of Anna G. Wood as clerk, and Susan S. Tripp as assistant clerk of this Meeting, which being united with, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite a minister of the Gospel from England, attended this Meeting, presenting certificates of unity from Holme Monthly Meeting, endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland. also a Minute from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London from the 22nd. of Fifth Month to the 3d. of Sixth mo. inclusive 1876. Her certificates, together with her company and gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us. We have also the company of our dear friend Hannah Thistlethwaite an elder, companion to her sister S. B. Satterthwaite in her religious visit to this land. She has presented a certificate from Cheshire Monthly Meeting England, which has been read, and this, together with her company and services, have been very acceptable to us.

Our beloved friends Robert Knight from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting Indiana, Eli Jones from China Monthly Meeting Maine, David Douglass from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, Sarah W. Goddard from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting Maine, and Sarah E. Reynolds from Providence Monthly Mtg. R. I. have also attended this Meeting, presenting satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings, all expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us,

1878. and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing indorsements on their certificates in conformity with the foregoing minutes.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, and a summary prepared from the answers, which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Sarah A. Holmes, Rachel S. Howland, Mary A. Smith, Mary H. Hoxie, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Susan T. Thompson, Anna G. Wood, Hannah S. Wing, Phebe Slade, Lydia B. Dillingham, Charity G. Chace, Phebe R. Gifford, Sylvia G. Howland and Lydia Gifford whom we appoint our representatives.

The business of the Meeting having been accomplished, with an ascription of praise to our loving Lord for the fresh proof of His goodness and mercy extended to us this day — we conclude, proposing to meet again at Falmouth in 7th mo. next, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

7 mo. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth 7 mo 4 - 1878.

By reports received from the several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich - Anne Milliken, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Margaret Wood, from Dartmouth - Huldah Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, and Hannah A. Brightman, from Westport - Hannah R. Gifford and Lizzie A. Slade, from New-Bedford - Anne Davis, Sarah J. Taber, Susan S. Tripp, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Ruth S. Wood, and Charlotte Cowen who are present except two, for the absence of one a sufficient reason was assigned.

We have in attendance at this time, beloved friends in the ministry as follows, Elizabeth L. Comstock with a certificate from Rollin Monthly Meeting Michigan indorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Alida Clark with a certificate from Southland Monthly Meeting Helena, Arkansas, together with a Minute from the Missionary Board of Indiana Yearly Meeting, and John T. Hanson from Iowa, with a certificate from Bear Creek Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting, all expressive of unity with them as ministers, Jenkins, to the station of Elder; and with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Otis Meader and Elizabeth G. Meader to the same station.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Litchfield Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles M. Jones, and in the appointment of Levi Jones, Moses Briggs and Joseph E. Briggs to the station of Elder; and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley H. Magoon; that Sarah W. Farr, a Minister and member of Litchfield Monthly Meeting, deceased 12th Month 30th, 1877, aged 59 years, 6 months and 24 days; and Mary Ann Bailey, an Elder and member of the same Meeting, deceased 1st Month 1st, 1878, aged 66 years, 9 months and 19 days.

14. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz:

	Births.	Deaths.	Moved into.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Present Number.	
Rhode Island	2	10	8	9	24	1	675	Gain . . 8
Salem	3	9	14	8	5	8	684	Gain . . 3
andwich	2	14	5	2	8	2	754	Loss . . 15
almouth	7	8	8	13	35	3	578	Gain . . 38
Smithfield	1	5	4	6	5	2	445	Loss . . 9
Vassalboro	3	6	4	7	10	2	524	Gain . . 7
Dover	2	9	6	6	4	1	333	No change.
Fairfield	4	9	2	4	19	3	453	Gain . . 7
Total.	24	70	51	55	110	22	4446	Gain . . 39

15. We appoint our friends Thomas B. Buffum, John H. Crosman, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Alfred H. Jones, Jacob K. Purinton and Levi Jones, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received from the Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

16. We appoint Samuel R. Buffinton, Owen Dame, Matthew Howland, George Douglas, Timothy K. Earle, Charles B. Cates, Tobias Meader and Reuben T. Jones, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a Friend for

Treasurer, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

17. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence presented their Annual Report, which, having been read and seriously considered, is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Friends now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend George L. Collins, are continued for the ensuing year.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin Buffum,
Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Edward W. Howland.
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Augustine Jones,
Richard Battey,
William C. Munroe.
Thomas B. Nichols.
Augustus F. Cox,
Ellen K. Buffum.
Ann Maria Coffin.
Sylvia G. Howland.
Ann B. Earle.
Hannah J. Bailey,
Ann K. Colton,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura L. Collins,
Lydia Haight.
Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey.
Esther Jones.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report, the Committee in charge of the Boarding School, at Providence, have the satisfaction of reiterating the statement of former years, that the school has received their attention, and that it has maintained its previous standard of efficiency and of high moral and intellectual culture.

The health of the family was unusually good until after the recess in the Second Month, when a mild case of scarlet fever and one of measles occurred, and although strenuous efforts were made to prevent the spread of the disease, the efforts did not prove entirely successful, as several cases soon followed. Quite a number of the scholars were in consequence withdrawn, which tended to produce an unsettling effect upon the school. The responsibility brought upon the Principal and officers was for a time very heavy, but they were favored to act wisely and judiciously. Ten of the pupils had the fever at the school and five or six others at their homes; while of the measles there were two cases at the school and one at home.

The school was continued, and the classes (particularly that of the seniors) proceeded without serious interruption. The Committee feel that they have cause for gratitude, that no serious illness or death has occurred.

In order sooner and more effectually to remove all cause of apprehension from the minds of the scholars and their friends, some rooms admirably adapted to the purpose, located in a building near the schoolhouse were prepared for the use of the then remaining patients, to which as soon as their condition would warrant, they were transferred, and the house thoroughly disinfected, since which all vestiges of disease have passed away.

The attendance of the children of Friends has been unusually large, reaching ninety-five from New England and twenty-five from other Yearly Meetings, nearly all of whom remained through the year.

The Committee would reverently acknowledge that the religious interest which for some time has prevailed in the school has deepened during the past winter, and we have reason to believe that many young hearts have yielded to the loving invitation of the Saviour, and have consecrated their life and service to Him.

The Meetings for Religious Worship on First and Fourth-days have been continued as heretofore, and evidence has not been wanting that a goodly number of the scholars have been engaged to worship in spirit and in truth.

As a result of the religious and moral tone of the school, we are gratified to inform the Yearly Meeting, that more than two-thirds of the scholars, imbued with the love of their Heavenly Father and with an earnest desire for their mutual benefit, have, of their own accord, organized themselves into temperance societies (one on each side of the house), holding bi-monthly meetings, having lectures and addresses from some of their own number, and occasionally from others, and have, (with few exceptions,) taken the triple pledge — to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors, from tobacco, and from profane language—thus saying to those around them, "We believe this to be the way, and we will walk in it."

The harmony and home-like feeling which pervade the school are in the highest degree satisfactory.

The plotting of the school premises, referred to in our report last year, has been accomplished, presenting a view of the entire premises with avenues and streets marked thereon, which has been adopted by the Committee, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of our records. The names of the several avenues and streets have been adopted, subject however to change if circumstances require it, it being understood that the premises reserved for the use of the school shall be that portion included between Moses Brown, Alumni, Pennington and Lloyd Avenues, an area of about 16 1-4 acres, of which no part shall at present be offered for sale.

The Sub-Committee on sale of land etc., having the matter in charge, is authorized, if in its judgment it is expedient, to lay out, grade and complete, the avenues surrounding the reserved school premises, to curb the sidewalk upon the school side of said avenues, and properly enclose the reserved premises. They are also required in the future sale of lots to restrict the purchaser to the following conditions: — No building to be placed nearer the line of the street than twenty feet; the cost of the structure to be not less than $8.000; no building or structure upon any part of the premises to be used for the sale of spirituous liquors. One lot only has been sold since our last report.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$5.632 75	
From the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting—income on bonds, proceeds of land sold	272 03	
From returned premium of insurance	298 25	
Balance due the Treasurer	43 97	
		$6,247 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance on the property	$512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school	5,734 50	
		$6,247 00

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$990 75	
Income from the fund	2,263 12	
		$3,253 87

PAYMENTS.

School bills for 23 scholars	$2.125 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	1,128 87	
		$3,253 87

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from the fund	$5,690 53	
Income from board and tuition	36.474 00	
		$42,164 53

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$13,857 50	
Wages	5.837 88	
Provisions	13.178 67	
Fuel and light	2,211 80	
Water	297 10	
Repairs and replacements	5,021 44	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines, etc.	431 42	
Balance of profits remaining	1,028 72	
		$42,164 53

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the direction of the Committee.

1877.				
6 mo. 20.	Balance from old account		$1,463 88	
6 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land		8,525 37	
8 mo. 20.	Received from sale of land		4,687 50	
9 mo. 12.	Received from A. K. Smiley		1,309 38	
12 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds .	$135 00		
	Premium on gold	1 03		
			136 03	
1878.				
3 mo. 1.	Rec'd from coupons Gov't bonds .	$135 00		
	Premium on gold	1 00		
			136 00	
5 mo. 30.	Received from interest temporary loan .		27 63	
6 mo. 1.	Received from dividend Five Cts. Bank .		7 55	
				$16,293 34
1877.				
6 mo. 21.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage		$42 62	
8 mo. 23.	Paid for $12,000 Gov't 4 1-2 per ct. bonds		12,844 50	
9 mo. 7.	Paid S. Nightingale, brokerage		23 44	
9 mo. 7.	Amount deposited in Five Cents Savings Bank, N. Bedford		302 31	
1878.				
3 mo. 1.	Paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer, income of bonds		272 03	
4 mo. 3.	Paid Wm. S. Haines, by order of Com. .		240 38	
6 mo. 1.	Balance, subject to order of Committee* .		2,568 06	
				$16,293 34

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 25th inst:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.
Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.
Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches.
Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.
Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.
Susan S Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.
Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.
Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.
Mary Amy Collins and S. Elma Winslow, Teachers of English branches.
Antoinette A. Bassett, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.
Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

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* At the meeting of the Committee, 6th Month 4, the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was requested to pay to A. K. Smiley the balance in his hands, to be appropriated to the payment of the tax upon the property.

We propose that the charges for board and tuition remain as last year, viz:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, ~~or for scholars sent at the expense of such~~	190 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEORGE HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School,
Providence, 6th Month 4th, 1878.

Note.—The Autumn term begins 9th Mo. 4th, 1878, and closes 1st Mo. 22d, 1879. Winter recess begins 1st Mo. 22d, 1879, and closes 2d Mo. 5th, 1879. The Spring term begins 2d Mo. 5th, 1879, and closes 6th Mo. 23d, 1879.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 30th of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Albert K. Smiley, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day morning the 17th.

Second-day morning, the 17th.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except nine.

18. The following summary of the Answers to the Queries from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, together with a Minute of that Meeting, were laid before this Meeting and read; viz:—

ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES OF THE MEETING OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS.

Ans. 1. Ministers and Elders are diligent in attending their meetings for worship and discipline, with few exceptions, and careful to promote the attendance of their families.

1878. and their present religious engagements. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us. Our dear friend Phebe T. Underhill companion to Elizabeth L. Comstock, with a Minute from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, has also been acceptably with us at this time.

The clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens meeting, in signing indorsements on the certificates of the above named Friends, in conformity with the foregoing Minutes.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting were all in attendance except two, for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.

We unite with Men Friends in reappointing the committee on General Meetings, viz. Elizabeth C. Wing, Huldah Gifford, Mary S. Macomber, Sarah J. Brown, Elizabeth Ann Slade, Ruth S. Wood, Elvira G. Wing, Phebe B. Slocum, Jane Gifford, Elizabeth C. Ewer, and Rebecca C. Grinnell, who are requested to assist and cooperate with the Yearly Meetings Committee, in carrying out the concern that might come before them.

The business of the Meeting being finished, under a grateful sense of the Lords goodness and mercy, in permitting us again to assemble, harmonizing our spirits together, and ministering to our varied needs, we conclude — proposing to meet again in the 10th. month at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo-3-1878. By accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich — Sarah S. Bowerman, Mary H. Hoxie and Catherine Kelley, from Dartmouth — Huldah Gifford, Hannah A. Brightman and Susan B. Kirby. from Westport — Lydia C. Earle and Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford, — Mary C. Bayliss, Hetty E. Howland, Elizabeth H. Wood, Sarah B. Slade, Adelaide V. Wilbur, and Rachel S. Howland, who are present except one, who was prevented from attending by sickness.

The assistant clerk being absent Susan T. Thompson is appointed to that service for the day.

The Queries, with answers from our several Monthly Meetings to the three usually considered at this time, have been read.

1878. We unite with the Mens Meeting in their concurrence with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public ministry of our friends William Thompson and Edward G. Dillingham.
The business of this Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again in Twelfth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 5th. 1878. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz from Sandwich – Dorothy Gifford, Elizabeth C. Wing, Catherine Kelley, and Rebecca D. Ewer, from Dartmouth – Phebe R. Gifford, Jane G. Fisher, and Maria B. Smith, from Westport – Esther D. Macomber, Esther A. Macomber, from New Bedford, – Sylvia G. Howland. Rebecca Howland, Ruth Almy, Abby Wood, and Sarah J. Taber, who are all present.
The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read at this time.
Our dear friend Elwood Scott attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate from Oak Ridge Monthly Meeting Grant county Indiana, indorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister, and with his present religious engagement. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, as has also been those of other dear friends who are here without minutes. The Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing a suitable indorsement on his minute.
The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1879. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo - 3. 1879. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting. viz from Sandwich - Lydia N. Bowerman, Lucy T. Kelley and Rebecca D. Ewer, from Dartmouth - Maria B. Smith, Huldah Gifford, and Hetty S. Potter, from Westport - Esther D. Macomber, and Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford - Ruth Almy, Hetty E. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies, and Azubah Cannon, who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Mary C. Baylies on behalf of the representatives informs that they are united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for clerk, and Susan S. Tripp for assistant clerk, of this Meeting, which being united with they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, and a summary prepared from the answers, which we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends, Sarah A. Holmes, Anna G. Wood, Charity G. Chace, Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Sarah B. Slade, Susan S. Thompson, Phebe R. Gifford, Sarah G. Bartlett, Mary L. Taber, Angeline S. Gidley, Sylvia G. Howland, Hannah S. Wing and Lizzie Ann Slade, whom we appoint our representatives.

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Angeline S. Gidley to the station of elder, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

Our dear friend Ruth S. Murray attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate from New York Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing a suitable indorsement on her minute.

The joint committee on General Meetings, appointed at the Quarterly Meeting last Seventh Month have presented the following report viz.

To Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.

Your committee on General Meetings submit the following report. No "General Meetings" have been held within our limits during the past year. "Series of Meetings" have been held in New Bedford, Nantucket and Westport, which were seasons of blessing to those who attended them. Many bearing testimony to the help received in them from Him who has promised to be in the midst of those who meet in His name.

1879. We are also encouraged in the hope, that some who were afar off, by faith were brought nigh, through the blood of Christ, and are now rejoicing in the hope of the Gospel. We would recommend continued efforts, through the means that God has appointed and blessed.

On behalf of the committee   William P. Macomber
New Bedford 4 mo. 3. 1879.   Elizabeth A. Slade.

This report has been accepted in concurrence with Men Friends.
The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude proposing to meet again in 7 mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 3. 1879. By accounts received from our Several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich — Catherine Kelley, Mary H. Hoxie, and Rebecca A. Gifford, from Dartmouth — Alice C. Winslow Abby H. Cornell, and Huldah Gifford, from Westport — Lydia C. Earle and Lydia Gifford, from New Bedford, — Susan G. Kempton, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Sarah B. Slade, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan S. Tripp, and Phebe S. Delano, who are all present.
The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives, were all in attendance except two, for the absence of one, a satisfactory reason was assigned.
The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our Several Monthly Meetings have been read.
We have in attendance at this time our beloved friend Stanley Pumphrey a minister from England, who produced a certificate expressive of unity and sympathy from the Monthly Meeting of Worcestershire and Shropshire, indorsed by Western Quarterly Mtg. and also a minute from the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held in London in 5th month 1875.
We have also the company of our dear friend Sarah G. Pumphrey companion to her husband Stanley Pumphrey, a member of Bury Monthly Meeting, England, and also a member of the Meeting of Ministry and oversight; who presented satisfactory credentials of unity. The company and services of these dear friends have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing suitable indorsements on their minutes.

12. The Committee having the care of the Boarding School at Providence, have presented their Annual Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting, and very fully united with; and we conclude to appoint the following named Friends, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to propose at a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee for the year ensuing, viz.: Albert K. Smiley, Samuel R. Buffinton, John H. Crosman, Charles H. Jones, Josiah Holmes, Jr., James B. Congdon, Henry F. Newell, Cyrus Cartland, Richard Battey, James G. Arnold, Eli Jones, Charles B. Cates, Jacob K. Purinton, Timothy B. Hussey, I. Warren Hawkes and Moses Bailey.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee having the care of the Boarding School, at Providence, report,—That they have given attention to the important concern confided to them. They have held stated meetings, at which a large proportion of their members have been present, and have at such meetings appointed sub-committees for the more immediate care of the schools and family during the interim, by which means the general committee has been kept informed of the progress of the school and of the management of the affairs of the Institution; which have been very satisfactory to them.

The school for the year just closing, as for several past years, has been doing a very good work and has sustained its previous character for efficency and culture.

The religious interest which for some time past has been a marked feature in the school, has continued during the past year. The cheerful acquiescence of the scholars in the discipline of the school, and its healthy moral tone, are, we believe, in part the result of this influence, and its presence is cause for grateful acknowledgment.

The number of scholars in attendance has been for the Autumn Term, 201, and for the Spring Term, 176.

The meetings for religious worship, on First and Fourth days, have been continued, and have been seasons of comfort and edification to many who have enjoyed the privilege of sitting in them.

The health of the scholars and family has been almost uninterruptedly good.

At the meeting of the Committee Second Month 4th, we were informed by our present worthy and efficient Principal Albert K. Smiley, who has so successfully and satisfactorily conducted the affairs of the Institution for the past nineteen years, that, owing to the state of his health, he was under the necessity of declining to renew his engagement for further service in the school.

While the Committee was fully sensible of the propriety of his withdrawal from the responsible position which he has so long and so acceptably filled, they deeply regretted his decision, and deem it but just to say at the close of his long term of service, that the financial affairs of the Institution have been conducted with great skill and success.

During his administration, the buildings and premises have been kept in good order and repair, and every year but one, in which a small loss occurred, a dividend has accrued for the benefit of the school.

A committee was appointed to nominate a successor, which committee, at a special meeting held Second Month 25th, reported, That they were unanimous in proposing the name of Augustine Jones as Principal for the ensuing year, which proposition, after serious consideration and a fervent appeal to our Father in Heaven, for His help in the important matter before us, was accepted, and he accordingly appointed to that situation for the year commencing in the Seventh Month next.

It is expected that the school will be continued on substantially the same basis as heretofore, nearly all the teachers previously employed having been already re-engaged.

The account of the Treasurer of the School Fund shows that he has received as

Income from the General Fund ($90,166 01,)	$5,709 50	
Received by him from the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as income of $12,000, a Fund in his hands,	541 35	
From returned fire insurance premium, ...	228 50	
		$6,479 35

PAYMENTS.

Balance due the Treasurer last year, ...	$43 97	
Fire insurance premiums paid, ...	512 50	
Paid A. K. Smiley, Principal, on behalf of the school,	5,922 88	
		$6,479 35

FROM THE CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year, ...	$1,128 87	
Income from the Fund, (amounting to $33,137 50,)	2,301 70	
		$3,430 57

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid for twenty-three scholars, ...	$2,580 00	
Remaining in Treasurer's hands, ...	850 57	
		$3,430 57

The accounts of the Principal of the school show the following items of receipt and expenditure:

RECEIPTS.

Income received from the Treasurer of School Fund,	$5,922 88	
Income from board and tuition for the year, ...	37,314 62	
		$43,237 50

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries to teachers and officers,	$13,627 36	
Wages for labor,	5,865 44	
Provisions,	12,710 05	
Fuel and light,	2.455 89	
Water,	380 31	
Repairs and replacements,	5,597 83	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	487 16	
Estimated profits remaining,	2,113 46	
		$43,237 50

The tax upon the real estate for the year 1878, amounting to $2,963 80, has been paid from the accrued profits of the school.

Yearly Meeting Boarding School in account with Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer N. E. Y. Meeting.

1878.			
Sixth Month 5.	To balance from last year,	$2,568 06	
Sixth Month 5,	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Sixth Month 5.	To premium on gold,	1 18	
Eighth Mo. 7.	To amount re'd from A. K. Smiley,	2.256 90	
Ninth Mo. 2.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Twelfth Mo. 5.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
1879.			
Third Month 3.	To dividend on bonds,	135 00	
Sixth Month 1.	To amount received for interest,	40 00	
			$5,406 14

1878.			
Sixth Month 11.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	$2,568 06	
Eighth Mo. 22.	By amount paid City of Providence for curbing,	255 80	
Eleventh Mo. 11.	By amount paid Thos. Harkness, Treasurer School Fund,	271 18	
Twelfth Mo. 9.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness. do.	135 00	
1879.			
Third Mo. 3.	By am't paid Thos. Harkness, do.	135 00	
Sixth Mo. 3.	By amount paid A. K. Smiley, per order of Committee,	2.041 10	
			$5,406 14

Errors excepted.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr.,
Treas. N. E. Y. Meeting.

New Bedford, Sixth Month 3d, 1879.

The following list comprises the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 24th inst.:

Albert K. Smiley, Principal.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Governor and Teacher of English branches.

Thomas J. Battey, Teacher of Natural Sciences.

John M. Potter, Teacher of Mathematics.

Francis B. Gummere, Teacher of German and English branches, who had leave of absence for six months to pursue his studies in Germany, during which interval the place was filled by Clarkson Collins.

Seth K. Gifford, Teacher of Latin and Greek.

Rebecca H. Smiley, Principal of Female Department.

Susan S. Moore, Governess and Teacher of English branches.

Bessie T. Wing, Teacher of French, History and Literature.

Martha G. Read, Teacher of Mathematics.

Mary Amy Collins and Elizabeth G. Wills, Teachers of English branches.

Sophia E. Pitman, Teacher of Drawing and Painting.

Allen Jay, Clerk and Accountant.

At our meeting in the Seventh Month a proposition to appoint a committee "to consider the rates of tuition fixed for admission to the school, and collateral questions affecting a proper consideration of this subject" was approved, and a committee appointed, who reported in the Fourth Month, the following rates, which the Clerk was directed to embody in the report to the Yearly Meeting.

For members of our Yearly Meeting, per annum, ...	$100 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of our religious society, ...	190 00
For all others who may be admitted, ...	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German or Drawing.

The committee having obtained access to a good likeness of the late Obadiah Brown, through whose liberality the school was so largely endowed, have caused to be painted a portrait of this early friend of the Institution, which has been placed in the reception room of the school, where also hangs a portrait of his venerable father, Moses Brown, its founder.

With an appreciation of our loss, we have to inform the Yearly Meeting that Benjamin Buffum and Edward W. Howland, two of the active and efficient members of the committee, have deceased during the year.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School.
Providence, Sixth Month, 3d, 1879.

Note.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 3d, 1879, and closes First Month 21st, 1880. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, 1880, and closes Second Month 4th, 1880. The Spring term begins Second Month 4th, 1880, and closes Sixth Month 22d, 1880.

Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 5th day of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable funds should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

13. We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear friend, Helen Balkwill, a Minister, with satisfactory testimonials from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of the West Division of Devonshire, held the 14th of Third Month, 1877; endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Devon and Cornwall, held the 11th of Fourth Month, 1877; and from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held in London, the 21st and 22d of Fifth Month and the 1st of the Sixth Month, 1877.

14. We have also the acceptable company of our dear friend, Sarah G. Pumphrey, wife and companion to Stanley Pumphrey, with a satisfactory minute from Bury Monthly Meeting, held at Sudbury, England, Seventh Month 22d, 1877.

15. We have the acceptable company of our dear friends Ruth S. Murray, from New York Yearly Meeting, and Deborah C. Thomas, from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory minutes from their respective meetings, expressive of unity with them as Ministers and with their present religious engagements.

16. Lydia Stanley, an Elder, accompanying her husband, Joseph Stanley, with a minute of unity from Damascus Monthly Meeting, is also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting.

17. We appoint our friends, Obadiah Chace, John H. Crosman, Gideon Wood, Lemuel Jones, Paul A. Randall, Caleb Jones, Albert C. Buffum and George Richardson, to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries received from our Quarterly Meetings, and present it at our next sitting.

18. We appoint Albert K. Smiley, Owen Dame, David K. Akin, George Douglas, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, William B. Dennis and Henry Winslow a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to the present date; to propose a sum to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year; and to propose the name of a friend for Treasurer, also

the name of a friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund, and report at a future sitting.

19. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz.:

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report, gain.	Error in last year's report, loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island	675	1		5	12	15	3	44	1	49		724
Salem	684			2	12	11	3	2	3		3	681
Sandwich . .	754			6	18	3	0	15	1	5		759
Falmouth . .	578		9	4	6	14	8	20	6	9		587
Smithfield . .	445	2		0	10	0	6	1	2		15	430
Vassalboro . .	524		6	1	10	0	4	4	2		17	507
Dover	333			1	6	0	5	6	3		7	326
Fairfield . . .	453		1	5	6	7	8	4	6		5	448
Total . .	4446	3	16	24	80	50	37	96	24	63	47	4462
Gain . . .										16		

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Second-day Morning the 16th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 16TH.

The Meeting again assembled. Representatives present except six.

20. The Meeting now entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the Answers to the Queries from our several Quarterly Meetings, proceeding therein through the second. After which much pertinent and salutary counsel and advice were handed forth both by beloved brethren visiting us, and very largely from our own members; when the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON. — Assembled pursuant to adjournment.

21. The consideration of the state of Society was resumed and concluded.

MINUTE ON EXERCISE OF THE MEETING.

It was cause of reverent thankfulness, as we engaged in this inquiry into the condition of the church, that a solemn covering of the Lord's Spirit was spread over us, not only to show Himself gracious to us, but

1879. We unite with Men Friends, in releasing the committee on General Meetings, which was appointed in the 7th. mo. last year, from further service.
The business of the Meeting being finished under a grateful sense of this days favor and blessing we conclude, proposing to meet again at Sandwich in 10 th. mo. next if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo. 2nd. 1879. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich - Catherine Kelley, Hannah S. Wing, and Charity G. Chace, from Dartmouth - Huldah Gifford, Hetty S. Potter, and Angeline S. Gidley, from Westport - Almira F. Davis and Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford - Ruth S. Wood, Mary Hafford, Rebecca S. Howland, Ruth Almy and Phebe S. Delano, who are present except four, for the absence of three satisfactory reasons have been given.
The Queries have been read with answers to the First, Second & Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings.
Our beloved friend Joseph Stanley from Ohio attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate from Damascus Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Damascus Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. Our dear friend Lydia Stanley an elder companion to her husband has also produced a satisfactory minute from Damascus Monthly Meeting; her company and services, together with those of other dear friends from neighboring Quarterly Meetings, have also been acceptable to us.
The clerk is left at liberty to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing suitable indorsements on the Minutes of our friends.
The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude; trusting that the good seed so plentifully sowed this day, may in due season bring forth rich sheaves to the Masters praise.
We propose to meet again at New Bedford in 12 th. mo. next, if the Lord permit -

Anna G. Wood,
Clerk.

1879 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 4 - 1879. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz from Sandwich — Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth C. Wing, and Rebecca D. Ewer, from Dartmouth, Jane G. Fisher, Susan B. Kirby, Bethany Shearman, and Rebecca A. Winslow, from Westport, — Isabella L. Gifford, and Elizabeth A. Slade, — from New Bedford, Phebe Anthony, Hannah Sears, Sarah A. Holmes, Mary C. Baylies, Betsey C. Ward and Azubah Cannon, who are present except two, for the absence of one, a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second & Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Phebe M. Wadsworth attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate of unity from Litchfield Monthly Meeting Maine, Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our dear friend William J. Thornbury, has also been present at this time with a satisfactory minute from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting Indiana, indorsed by Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting; his company and gospel labors have been acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in signing returning Minutes for both our friends on our behalf.

A proposition for changing the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th month at Falmouth, from the first Fifth day in the Month to the second, has been favorably considered, but we unite with Men Friends in deferring a full decision upon the subject, until our next Quarterly Meeting.

The business of the Meeting having been conducted in much harmony and love we conclude, proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New Bedford, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Ward,

Clerk.

1880. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 1. 1880. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich,— Elizabeth C. Ewer, Lydia B. Dillingham, and Hannah S. Wing, from Dartmouth,— Huldah Gifford, Julia S. Smith, and Angeline S. Gidley, from Westport.— Mary E. Gifford, Mary A. Gifford and Susan Chace, from New-Bedford,— Mary C. Baylies, Mary Ann Wing, Phebe B. Slocum, Mary Hafford, and Susan M. Seabury, who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, Hannah S. Wing on behalf of the representatives informs, that they were united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Susan T. Thompson for assistant Clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read, together with a summary prepared from the answers, which being approved we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are, Rachel S. Howland, Phebe B. Slocum, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Anna G. Wood, Sarah A. Holmes, Azubah Cannon, Susan S. Tripp, Charity G. Chace, Hannah S. Wing, Hannah R. Gifford, Ruth S. Murray, Angeline S. Gidley, Elizabeth Ann Slade, and Rebecca C. Grinnell.

Summary of the answers to the Queries to be forwarded to the Yearly Mtg.

Ans. 1. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been regularly held, with the exception of a few in two small meetings. Those in First-days are usually attended by the larger portion of our members, yet a want of concern in the attendance of mid-week Meetings and those for discipline, is still apparent amongst us. The hour is nearly observed. Mostly clear of unbecoming behavior when assembled.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are maintained with little exception, and we trust detraction is guarded against by most Friends, but more care in these respects would be desirable. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them speedily.

Ans. 3d. We believe most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those endeavor by example and precept, to train up those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession. Yet a more earnest concern in these respects is desirable.

1880. Ans. 4th. We believe Friends with few exceptions, frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively, in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. We think our testimony to a free gospel ministry is generally maintained.

Ans. 5th. We believe Friends do abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with our Christian profession, and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans. 6th. The necessities of the poor are relieved, and their children receive the benefit of education.

Ans. 7th. Clear in these respects.

Ans. 8th. We believe Friends are careful in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 9th. Clear as to records. A few removals without certificates, some of which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Friends have endeavored to administer the discipline according to the requisitions of the Query, and to place judgment when necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

We have at this time the company of our dear friend David Douglass from Maine, who presented a certificate from Litchfield Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to sign a suitable indorsement on his minute.

We unite with the Men's Meeting in their approval of the appointment by Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Stephen R. Wing to the station of elder.

We also concur with Men Friends in changing the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting in the 7th. mo. at Falmouth, from the first to the second Fifth day in that month. The change proposed however, is not to take effect until next year.

The business of the Meeting being finished, having as we reverently believe, been instructed, helped, and blessed together we conclude, proposing to meet again in 7 mo. next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood

Clerk.

10. Margaret H. White, an Elder, companion to Deborah C. Thomas, Caroline DeGreene, companion to her mother, Elizabeth L. Comstock, and Elvira T. Woodard, an Elder, companion to her husband, Luke Woodard, are also acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, with satisfactory testimonials from their friends at home.

11. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting, from other Yearly Meetings with returning Minutes, if way should open, is referred to the following Friends, viz.: Allen Jay, Joseph Cartland, William C. Taber, Henry T. Wood, David K. Akin, Charles B. Cates, Owen Dame, Richard Battey, George Douglass and John Paige, who are requested to unite in the service with a similar Committee of Women Friends.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon.—Met pursuant to adjournment.

12. George Howland, Jr., on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they were united in proposing William O. Newhall for Clerk, and Henry T. Wood and Timothy B. Hussey for Assistant Clerks; which nominations being severally approved, they are appointed to those stations the ensuing year.

13. Epistles from North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were now read.

14. The Committee having charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which having been read and deliberately considered, is satisfactory to the Meeting and fully united with, and the recommendation in reference to an increase of the price for board and tuition is adopted, and the Committee now under appointment continued another year, and we desire their encouragement in the arduous labors devolving upon them.

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In again presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee can but reïterate the expression of former years, that, under the new administration, as heretofore, the School has pursued the even tenor of its way, and in its progress and general management has received the approval of the Committee.

The religious feeling, to which we alluded with interest in the Report of last year, has continued, and we can indorse the expression of the

Principal in his last Report to us, that in moral tone and the honorable observance of the needful regulations of the School, it has improved during the year.

The number of scholars for the Autumn Term was 184; and for the Spring Term has been 160.

The Meetings on First and Fourth-days have been continued, and from the Reports of the several members of the Committee who have had the privilege of attending them, we are satisfied that many of them are favored seasons.

With the exception of a comparatively few mild cases of scarlet fever, the health of the scholars and family has been good. Notwithstanding the mildness of the disease, numbers of scholars were withdrawn from the School; this interruption increased the labor of the management, and has also affected the aggregate attendance.

The Yearly Meeting last year authorized some changes in the rates to be charged for admission to the School; but as the circulars had necessarily been sent out by the Principal before the action by the Yearly Meeting, and applications from scholars, predicated on the former rates, had been received, the Committee judged it expedient to suspend the operation of the change until the issuance of a new circular setting forth those changes; and report their action to the Yearly Meeting.

Some changes in the way of improvements, such as the erection of a room 17 by 22½ feet, immediately connected with the house, with ample water closet arrangements for the convenience of the boys, and a largely increased improvement in the sewerage, by connecting the drains from the house with the main sewer on Hope Street, 700 feet distant, have been made since our last Report. The gymnasium building, which had become dilapidated and unsightly, has been put in good order, with new ceilings and floor, and is now a comfortable and healthy resort for the boys, especially in inclement weather.

The following list contains the names of the officers and teachers for the year which will close on the 22d inst.

Augustine Jones, Principal.
Amy E. Johnson, Principal of Girls' Department.
John W. Freese, Governor and English Studies.
Susan S Moore, Governess and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, Natural Science.
John M. Potter, Higher Mathematics.
Francis B. Gummere, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.
Seth K. Gifford, Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, English Literature and German.
Clarkson Collins, Mental Science and German, Autumn Term.
Austin B. Fletcher, Reading and Elocution, Autumn Term.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
S. Elma Gifford, Mathematics.

Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book Keeper.

From the account of the Treasurer of the School Fund, as reported by the Auditing Committee, we find that he has received as

Income from the General Fund,	$5,923 87	
Income received from fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting,	495 00	
Received from return premiums of insurance,	396 25	$6,815 12

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premiums,	$575 00	
Paid Augustine Jones, Superintendent, for receipts,	6,240 12	$6,815 12

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year,	$850 57	
Income,	2,374 01	$3,224 58

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills,	$2,100 00	
Balance on hand,	1,124 58	$3,224 58

The following items of receipt and expenditure appear from the accounts of the Principal:

RECEIPTS.

Income from the Treasurer of the School Fund,	$6,240 12	
Income from board and tuition,	31,302 45	
Received from Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting from funds belonging to the School, arising from sales of land, and held by him, to pay city tax,	2,861 60	
Received from same fund in aid of improvements and additions,	2,000 00	$42,404 17

EXPENDITURES.

Allowance to A. K. Smiley, in settlement, for change in duration of term, and for articles purchased of him,	$874 00
Cost of sewer connection with Hope Street, 700 feet,	1,279 63
Cost of new building, including water closets and concreting,	2,096 23
Amount carried forward,	$4,249 86

Amount brought forward	$4,249 86	
City tax on school property,	2.861 60	
City sewer assessment on Hope Street front,	349 13	
Salaries to teachers and officers,	12,668 00	
Wages paid for labor and servants' hire,	5,745 23	
Provisions,	10.789 39	
Repairs and replacements,	2.004 10	
Fuel and light,	2.364 04	
Water,	310 30	
Incidentals, including periodicals, additions to library, medicines and postage,	451 34	
Estimated balance remaining,	611 18	$42,404 17

From the above statement it appears that the income received for board and tuition falls short of the amount realized the year previous by about six thousand dollars. It will also be seen that it became necessary to use about five thousand dollars of the fund arising from sales of land, in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, in the payment of the tax upon the school property, and in aid of the permanent improvements reported.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports, that he has received

From coupons on bonds,	$495 00	
From proceeds of sale of five U. S. Bonds,	5,353 12	$5,848 12

PAYMENTS.

Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund,	$495 00	
Augustine Jones, per order of Committee,	4,861 60	
Two small bills, printing, etc.,	4 60	
Balance on hand to new account	486 92	$5,848 12

The Committee submit the following proposition for rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year, viz:

For members of our Yearly Meeting,	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting,	$225 00
For all others who may be admitted,	$300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we acknowledge with grateful feelings that, while we entered upon our interesting engagement with anxiousness, in consequence of the change of Principal of the School, we can now as the year draws to its close, express our cordial appreciation of the devoted faithfulness of our new Principal, and with thankfulness for the Divine blessing upon the School in time past, we humbly invoke the same favor in the future.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JUN., *Clerk.*

BOARDING SCHOOL.
Providence, Sixth Month 1st, 1880.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 1st, 1880, and closes First Month 19th, 1881. Winter recess begins First Month 21st, and closes Second Month 2d. The Spring term begins Second Month 2d, and closes Sixth Month 21st, 1881.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee on the 3d day of the Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the charitable fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.,
Moses Bailey,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Timothy K. Earle,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
Thomas B. Nichols,
Augustus F. Cox,
James H. Chase,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Ann Maria Coffin,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Ann K. Colton,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Laura S. Collins,
Rebecca C. Grinnell,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Abby S. Battey,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle.

15. We appoint our Friends Jacob Mott, Thomas Folsom, Matthew Howland, Lemuel Jones, Thomas A. Wheeler, William H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton and I. Warren Hawkes a Committee to prepare a summary of the Answers to the Queries and present it at our next sitting.

16. We appoint Nathan Chace, Owen Dame, John F. Tucker, George Douglass, Richard Battey, Charles B. Cates, Timothy B. Hussey and Reuben T. Jones a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present date; to propose a sum of money to be raised sufficient to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer; also one for Treasurer of the Boarding School Fund.

17. The following statistical information has been received from our several Quarterly Meetings, viz:

	Number reported last year.	Error in last year's report; gain.	Error in last year's report; loss.	Births.	Deaths.	Moved in.	Moved out.	Admitted.	Released.	Gain.	Loss.	Present number.
Rhode Island . .	724		12	8	20	6	7	21	3		7	717
Salem	681			6	10	4	4	5	4		3	678
Sandwich . . .	759			5	22	10	5	4	4		12	747
Falmouth . . .	587			8	19	4	8	11	2		7	581
Smithfield . . .	430		1	1	7	2	1	7	3		2	428
Vassalboro . . .	507			1	8	1		1			5	502
Dover	326			1	6		3	1	2		9	317
Fairfield	448	6		1	10	3	2	10	3	6		453
Total.	4462	6	13	31	102	30	30	60	21	6	45	4423
Loss											39	

Adjourned to 10 o'clock, Second-day Morning, the 14th.

SECOND-DAY MORNING, THE 14TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

18. Epistles from Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings and one from the Monthly Meeting of Brumana, Mt. Lebanon, were now read.

19. By the Report from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, we are informed that James Henderson appeals to this Meeting from its decision, and that they have appointed a Committee to represent them in the case. Whereupon, we appoint our friends John H. Crosman, Olney T. Meader, David Kelley, Ephraim Gifford, Augustus F. Cox, Lemuel Jones, Richard Battey, Thomas A. Wheeler, Charles B. Cates, William H. Beale, Jacob K. Purinton, Oliver Meader, Reuben

1880. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo - 1 - 1880. By accounts received from our several Monthly Mtgs. it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Catharine Kelley and Huldah Gifford, - from Dartmouth, Jane G. Fisher, Abby Smith and Hetty S. Potter, - from Westport, Esther A. Macomber and Sarah G. Bartlett, from New Bedford, Mary Hafford, Mary C. Baylies, Mary Ann Wing, Sarah J. Taber and Sarah A. Holmes, Azubah Cannon, and Lydia G. Howland, who are present except three, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting were all in attendance except one, who was unable to be present on account of sickness in her family.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite a minister from England attended this Meeting, presenting certificates of unity from Holm Monthly Meeting, indorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, also a minute from the Yearly Meeting on Ministry and oversight, held in London 5 mo - 1880. We have also the company of our dear friend Mary White, a minister from Scotland, cousin and companion to Sarah B. Satterthwaite, with a minute from Edinburg Two Months Meeting, indorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland. Their company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable, and we cordially welcome them among us.

We have also the company of several dear Friends from our own land, viz. Deborah C. Thomas from Baltimore, Joseph Stanley from Ohio, and Luke Woodard and John Carey from Indiana, who have all presented certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. Their company and service in the Gospel has been very acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Elvira T. Woodard companion to her husband Luke Woodard has also been acceptably in attendance of this Meeting. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in signing suitable indorsements on their Minutes.

This Meeting unites with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Rebecca H. Smiley, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein

1880 The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, reverently acknowledging the presence & help of the Good Shepherd, who has watered & refreshed His flock, and united our hearts in sweet harmony and love. We propose to meet again in Tenth month next at Sandwich, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo. 7th. 1880. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, Ruth H. Baker, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Catharine Kelley and Lydia N. Bowerman, from Dartmouth Huldah Gifford, Eunice Gidley, and Abby Smith, from Westport, Mary E. Gifford and Lydia Gifford, from New Bedford, Susan G. Kempton, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Abby S. Kelley, Esther D. Macomber and Susan S. Tripp, who being called are all present except one.

Our beloved Friend Hannah B. Sawyer attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate from Weare Monthly Meeting, expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting in signing a suitable indorsement on her Minute.

The Queries with answers to the three usually considered from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

This Meeting unites with Men Friends in indorsing a certificate, granted by New Bedford Monthly Meeting to our beloved Friend Ruth S. Murray, for religious service within the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is directed to sign the indorsement on our behalf.

The business of the Meeting being finished, with thankful hearts for our continued blessings, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 12th. month next at New-Bedford, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood
Clerk.

1880. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New-Bedford 12 mo. 2nd. 1880. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, Sylvia G. Crocker, Mary Abby Swift, and Mary H. Hoxie, from Dartmouth, Eunice Gidley, Alice C. Winslow, Jane G. Fisher and Hetty H. Potter, from Westport. Esther A. Macomber and Almira F. Davis, from New Bedford, Sylvia G. Howland, Hetty E. Howland, Adelaide V. Wilbur, and Phebe B. Slocum, who are all present.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

We are informed by the account from Westport Monthly Meeting, that they have thought best to discontinue the Meeting for worship held at Centre, with which we unite.

We concur with Men Friends in granting the following request from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, viz. that the Monthly Meeting held at Falmouth, on Sixth day after the first Fifth day in the Seventh month, be changed to the Sixth day after the second Fifth of the same.

Our dear Friend Ruth S. Murray, having accomplished her religious visit within the limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting as expressed in the certificate granted her in 10th. month last, has now returned the same accompanied with an acceptable indorsement from Indiana Yearly Meeting. The account she has given of her visit in this Meeting has been interesting and instructive, and a confirmation of our faith in the love and guidance of the Good Shepherd, who has promised to go before His own.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

1881. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New Bedford 4 mo. 7th. 1881. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, - Elizabeth Nelson, Charity G. Morse, and Hannah S. Wing, - from Dartmouth, - Susan B. Kirby, Hannah A. Brightman and Eunice Gidley, from Westport, - Sarah G. Bartlett, and Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford, - Mary C. Bayliss, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Sarah A. Holmes, Mary Hafford, Susan S. Tripp, & Susan T. Thompson, who, being called are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, Sarah A. Holmes on behalf of the representatives informs, that they are united in proposing the name of Anna G. Ward for clerk, and Mary C. Bayliss for assistant clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

We have at this time the company of our beloved Friend Sarah B. Satterthwaite from England, Her certificates, furnished by her Friends at home, were read and minuted at our Quarterly Meeting held at Falmouth in 7th. mo. of last year. Her company and service in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, has been truly acceptable and strengthening to us.

The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Mtgs. have been read, together with a summary prepared from the answers, which being approved, we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends Rachel S. Howland, Rebecca C. Grinnell, Elizabeth C. Wing, Susan T. Thompson, Charity G. Chace, Huldah Gifford, Ruth L. Smith, Rebecca H. Smiley, Sarah A. Holmes, Rebecca S. Howland, Elizabeth A. Slade and Anna G. Ward, whom we have appointed our representatives.

Summary of the Answers to the Queries to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Ans. 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except five; three of which were omitted on account of inclement weather. At Nantucket there have been but few meetings held the past year. They are attended on First days by many of our members, but others are remiss in the attendance of these meetings, as well as of those held in the middle of the week, on account of which some care has been taken. The hour is nearly observed. Nearly clear of unbecoming behavior.

1881. Ans. 2nd. We believe love and unity are with few exceptions maintained among us, and we trust detraction is guarded against, but more care in this respect would be desirable. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them speedily.

Ans. 3d. We trust most of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, endeavoring by example, and precept, to train those under their care, in accordance with our Christian profession. We think more earnest concern in these respects is to be desired.

Ans. 4th. We believe Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children, and others, in the daily practice of this religious duty. We think our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with little exception.

Ans. 5th. We believe Friends do abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, they are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with our Christian profession; and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 7th Our testimony has been maintained in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8th. We believe Friends are careful in these respects.

Ans. 9th. Our records are attended to. Some removals without certificates where some care has been extended.

Ans. 10th. We trust care is taken to administer the discipline as queried, and to place their judgment when necessary according to discipline.

We unite with Men Friends in making the following change in the places of holding the Preparative Mg. in Dartmouth Monthly Meeting viz.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again in Eleventh Month next at Falmouth if the Lord permit.

Annie G. Wood

Clerk.

1881. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 14th. 1881. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich Lucy T. Kelley, Rebecca C. Gifford and Lydia B. Crocker, — from Dartmouth, Jane G. Fisher, Susan B. Kirby, and Elizabeth S. H. Smith, — from Westport, Esther A. Macomber, and Lydia Gifford, from New Bedford, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Esther D. Macomber, Cynthia B. Kirby, Phebe T. Howland, and Adelaide V. Wilbur, who being called are present except two,

The representatives appointed to attend our late Yearly Meeting were all in attendance except two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

We have in attendance, at this time, beloved friends in the ministry, as follows, Joseph Stanley and Edward C. Young from Ohio Yearly Meeting, — William G. Johnson, and Edward G. Wood from Western Yearly Meeting, who have all presented certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements. Their company, and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Lydia Stanley, companion to her husband Joseph Stanley, Maria C. Young, companion to her father Edward C. Young, and Emily J. Morris, an elder, accompanying her father William G. Johnson, have also been acceptably with us at this time. The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in signing endorsements on the Certificates of the above named Friends in conformity with the foregoing Minutes.

In accordance with a communication received from the Yearly Meeting, the Clerk is directed to request our several Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees for the purpose of obtaining more funds to promote the Mission work in which we are engaged in Syria, and to pay over the same to George Howland Jr. Treasurer of the Committee having charge of this important work.

The business of the Meeting having been conducted in much harmony and love, is now brought to a close, and we separate, proposing to meet again in 10th. mo. next at Sandwich, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

PROVIDENCE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

SIXTH MONTH, 1881.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In presenting their Annual Report, the School Committee repeat what they have said again and again, that, during the past year, the School has gone on very much to their satisfaction; the religious feeling to which we have referred with so much interest in several of our reports continues to increase, and is, we believe, under the Divine hand in its influence and results, not only a blessing to those immediately participating in the service, but is also a powerful means of good in all departments of the institution.

The average number of scholars for the year has been, for the Autumn Term, 89 boys and 83 girls; and for the Spring Term, 74 boys and 79 girls.

For the first few months after the opening of the School in Ninth Month, the health of the family was as good as usual; but the prevalence of measles during Second and Third Months interfered with the regular attendance of the scholars, and with their progress in study, while it drew heavily upon the sympathy and added greatly to the labors of the Principal. Since that time the standard of health has been uniformly good.

There have been four deaths at the Institution during the Spring Term, two of them being pupils, viz:—Winslow J. Evans, son of Thomas H. Evans, of Rochester, N.H., who died of measles Second Month 22d, in his 19th year; and Sarah Isabella Parker, daughter of Joseph R. Parker, of Belvidere, N.C., who died of inflammation of the bowels, Third Month 31st, aged 17 years. Harriet Chase, of Prudence Island, R.I., who came to nurse her son, Halsey Chase, during the illness of the latter with measles, in her untiring devotion and tender solicitude for his welfare, was seized with pneumonia, and died after a short illness. The fourth case was that of S. Elma Gifford, wife of one of the teachers—Seth K. Gifford—who died apparently of disease of the stomach, (about an hour subsequent to the decease of Isabella Parker,) aged 26 years. The funeral solemnities which followed were occasions of deep, and, we believe, of abiding interest, and the mingled feelings of regret for the loss of those to whom teachers and pupils had been much endeared, the tender sympathy for the bereaved, and the sweet consciousness that to the dear departed the summons had not found them unprepared, of which they were favored to give abundant testimony, have left impressions which will, we trust, be long remembered.

The Principal, in his communication to us narrating the foregoing facts, uses this language: — "It was something to be remembered by every officer and student during life, that at that sad hour" (the time of the funeral solemnities of S. Isabella Parker and S. Elma Gifford) "the lifeless forms of two of the most beautiful and gifted daughters of the Institution lay within her walls."

He closes his communication with the following expression:—"I deem it proper to say that notwithstanding this — I believe unprecedented number of deaths in one term — that nothing can be traced to any unhealthy source in the Institution."

We have also to report the decease of one of our own number during the year — Ann Maria Coffin, of Lynn. Her long familiarity with the School and its needs, her deep interest in its welfare, particularly its household comforts and improvements, made her a valuable helper to the Committee, and increases our estimate of the loss we sustained in her removal.

Since our last report, the Committee has authorized the erection of a three-story brick structure, in the angle, at the junction of the old building with Alumni Hall, to be appropriated to the greater accommodation and comfort of the occupants of the east wing, in which we have on the lower floor a very desirable room for the use of the library, and connected therewith; and on the second and third floors, bath-rooms and water-closets; and also, by some changes in the old part, seven very desirable lodging rooms have been arranged, and a room available for storage purposes. By this improvement we shall be enabled to remove the unsightly and objectionable old buildings in the rear of the east wing, and also to abate a great nuisance of long standing, and, as we regard it, to greatly improve the sanitary condition of the premises.

Increased facilities for the better protection of the school buildings from fire, by the erection of hydrants to be connected with the City Water Works, have been provided, in compliance with the suggestions of the insurance companies with whom the property is insured, and also by the recommendation of the Fire Department of the city.

At our meeting, Second Month 1st, we were informed, by a communication from the Principal, that Sarah Slade had given to the School One Thousand Dollars, to be expended for books, and Five Hundred Dollars for apparatus; and that Timothy K. Earle had given Five Hundred Dollars for the library. By direction, the Clerk has acknowledged the gratitude and thankfulness of the Committee to the donors of these timely gifts for their valuable contributions.

The following list contains the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction, for the year which will close on the 21st proximo:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal.
John W. Freeze, A.M., Governor, and English Studies (Autumn Term).
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies (Spring Term).
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J. Battey, A.B., Natural Sciences.
John M. Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.

Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph. D., English Literature and German.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Assistant Governor (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor (Spring Term).
Harold C. Childs, A.B., Natural Sciences (Spring Term).
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal Culture.
Allen Jay, Secretary and Book-Keeper.

The Treasurer of the School Fund reports that he has received as

Income from the General Fund	$6,263 24	
Income from Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	309 36	
From returned insurance premiums	418 00	
		$6,990 60

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premiums	$553 73	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal, as per receipts	6,436 87	
		$6,990 60

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,124 58	
Income	2,376 98	
		$3,501 56

PAYMENTS.

School bills paid	$2.500 00	
Balance on hand	1,001 56	
		$3,501 56

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting reports that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$486 92	
From coupons on bonds	281 25	
From dividend savings bank	28 11	
From proceeds of sale of three U. S. bonds	3,341 25	
		$4,137 53

PAID.

Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	$309 36	
Augustine Jones by order of Committee	3,786 92	
Two small bills (printing and record book)	3 90	
Balance to new account	37 35	
		$4,137 53

The accounts of the Principal show the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$33,976 45	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of Gen'l Fund	6,436 87	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from funds belonging to school, on account of improvements and addition	3,786 92	
Received from profit for year 1880	517 17	
		$44,717 41

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,310 00	
Provisions	10,773 43	
Wages paid labor and servant hire	5,721 23	
Cost of addition, including heating apparatus, bath rooms, water closets, seven additional lodging rooms and library room	5,501 05	
Repairs and replacements	2,973 71	
Fuel	1,566 93	
Light	807 88	
Water	325 10	
Library and periodicals	300 69	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	225 00	
Cost of water pipe connection on Lloyd Street	5 70	
City tax on school property for 1880	2.759 40	
Balance remaining to meet expenses to close of the year	1,447 29	
		$44,717 41

The Committee do not propose any change in the rates to be charged for admission to the School the coming year. The rates last year were:—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

In conclusion, we may remark with confidence, mingled with feelings of gratitude, that perhaps at no time in the history of this Institution could it be more safely commended to the patronage and interest of Friends, and we desire that its extended provisions for the physical comfort of the inmates, its educational advantages, its moral tone, and even its religious interests may be largely shared by the youth of our Society.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, JR., *Clerk*.

BOARDING SCHOOL, Providence, Fifth Month 31st, 1881.

NOTE.—The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 7th, 1881, and closes Third Month 29th, 1882. The Spring term begins Fourth Month 5th, 1882, and closes Sixth Month 20th, 1882.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 2d of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

1881. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo. 6- 1881. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, Elizabeth H. Wing, Lydia N. Bowerman and Mary Jane Gifford, - from Dartmouth - Hannah A. Brightman, Hetty S. Potter, and Mary H. Howland, - from Westport, - Almira F. Davis, and Mary S. Macomber, - from New Bedford, - Hetty E. Howland; Mary A. Smith, Abby Wood, and Adelaide V. Wilbur who are present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate of unity from Rollin Mo. Meeting, Michigan, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Mg. We have also the company of our dear friend John Riley, who is furnished with certificates of approval from Richland Monthly and Quarterly Meetings. The company and services of these dear friends in the ministry have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing suitable endorsements on their Minutes.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted, in 12 mo. next at New Bedford.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 1- 1881. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, - Mary H. Hoxie, Lydia B. Dillingham, Lucy T. Kelley and Lydia Tucker, from Dartmouth - Elizabeth S. H. Smith, Susan A. Kirby, and Huldah Gifford, from Westport, - Elizabeth A. Slade, and Sarah G. Bartlett, from New Bedford, - Sylvia G. Howland, Esther D. Macomber, Phebe S. Delano, Adelaide V. Wilbur, and Anna G. Wood, - who are present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

1881 A Minute of sojourn on behalf of our dear friend Barton H. Jones, a minister from Van Wert Monthly Meeting, Ohio, has been read and is satisfactory to us. His company and religious service, together with that of other dear friends who are with us without Minutes, has been acceptable to us.

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Jane G. Fisher, having the concurrence of the Men's Meeting herein.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The business of the Meeting being finished, with a fresh acknowledgment of the goodness and mercy of our covenant Lord, we conclude, proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

1882 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 6th. 1882. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, - Lydia B. Dillingham, Ruth H. Baker, Lydia N. Bowerman, and Rebecca D. Ewer, from Dartmouth; - Hetty S. Potter, Sarah F. Potter and Hannah G. Shearman; - from Westport, - Esther A. Macomber, and Mary E. Gifford, from New Bedford, - Susan M. Seabury, Susan S. Tripp, Rhoda Ann Tripp, Anne R. Anthony, and Ann A. Macomber; who are all present.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, Lydia B. Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informs, that they were united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Mary C. Baylies for assistant Clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

We are informed by the Minutes from Sandwich Monthly Meeting, that two loved Mothers in Israel, Mercy K. Wing a Minister, and Betsey P. Akin, an elder, have deceased during the past year. The former died 7 mo. 13th. 1881, aged 87 years, 5 months and 2 days; the latter 12 mo. 16. 1881, aged 83 years, 10 months, and 6 days.

Summary of the Answers to the Queries to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. 1882.

Ans. 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except those at Nantucket, and a few small small Meetings omitted on account of inclement weather. They have been attended on First days by most of our members, but we regret that others deprive themselves of the privilege of attending these Meetings, as well as those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. Nearly all are preserved from unbecoming behavior.

Ans. 2nd.

Love and unity are maintained with few exceptions, but detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. When differences have arisen, some care has been taken to end them.

Ans. 3d.

We believe there are many amongst us that are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have children under their care do generally endeavor by example and precept to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession.

We think more earnest care in these respects is to be desired.

Ans. 4th. We believe that nearly all our members read the Holy Scriptures, individually, as well as collectively, in their families, and encourage those under their care in the same practice. With little exception, our testimony to a free Gospel ministry has been maintained.

Ans. 5th.

Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans. 6th. Friends are generally careful in the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 7th.

We believe our testimonies in the several parts of this Query are maintained.

Ans. 8th.

We believe Friends are careful to observe the several requisitions of this Query.

Ans. 9th.

Clear as to records. Some removals without certificates, which are now under notice.

Ans. 10th.

Care rests upon the minds of Friends to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartiality; and we trust judgment has been placed when it appears necessary, in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

1882 The Queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Mtgs. have been read, together with a summary prepared from the Answers, which being approved we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, by our friends Rachel S. Howland, Rhoda T. Gifford, Hetty E. Howland, Rebecca H. Smiley, Elizabeth C. Wing, Sylvia G. Howland, Rebecca S. Howland, Jane G. Fisher, Huldah Gifford, Mary E. Gifford, and Charity G. Moore, whom we have appointed our representatives.

We unite with the men's Meeting in their concurrence with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Meltiah Gifford to the station of elder.

We also unite with the Men's Meeting in placing a note in the margin of our Records in 10 mo. last, minuting the attendance of John Riley who introduced himself to our Meeting as a minister from Indiana Yearly Meeting. It has since been ascertained that he was not in the station of minister, and that no such minute had been granted him. It is with deep regret that we feel called upon to make this record, and hope, that even yet, infinite Love, may bring him to true repentance and amendment of life.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again, if permitted, in 7 mo. next at Falmouth.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 13th. 1882. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, — Hannah S. Wing, Elizabeth Stetson, Huldah Gifford, Catharine Kelley, and Dorcas W. Anthony, from Dartmouth, — Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth S. H. Smith, and Susan B. Kirby, from Westport, — Lydia Gifford and Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford Rhoda Ann Tripp, Susan M. Seabury, Susan S. Tripp, Mary Ann Wing, Abby S. Kelley and Adelaide V. Wilbur; who are present except three, for the absence of two sufficient reasons are assigned.

Our dear friends Joseph Stanley from Damascus Monthly Meeting Ohio, and John P. Pennington from Spiceland Monthly Meeting Indiana, have attended this Meeting, presenting certificates from their respective

Monthly Meetings, endorsed by their respective Quarterly Meetings expressive of unity with them and with their present religious engagements. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in signing suitable endorsements on their minutes.

We unite with Men Friends in accordance with the direction of the Yearly Meeting in requesting our several Monthly Meetings, to appoint committees within their limits to solicit contributions in aid of Friends Syrian Mission at Brumana.

We have received at this time a minute adopted by our last Yearly Meeting, respecting some changes in the constitution of the Meeting of Ministers and Elders, which has been read. The subject is referred to the early attention of our several Monthly Meetings, which are now requested to take the necessary steps in compliance with the instructions of the Yearly Meeting, relative to the additions to the Meeting of Ministry and oversight.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 10 mo. next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood. Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 mo. 5th. 1882. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, – Mary H. Hoxie, Ruth E. Baker, Catharine Kelley and Lydia N. Bowman, from Dartmouth, – Olive D. Howland, Jane G. Fisher, and Maria A. Jenks, from Westport, – Lydia Gifford and Elizabeth S. Macomber, from New Bedford, – Adelaide E. Wilbur, Sarah L. Cartland, Sylvia D. Weeks and Susan M. Seabury, who are present except one.

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbott a minister attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate of unity from Short Creek Monthly Meeting Ohio, endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite

REPORT
OF THE
PROVIDENCE
BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SIXTH MONTH, 1882.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The School Committee have again the satisfaction of reporting that the School under their care has made good progress in its work, and is, as we believe, fully up in its results to the standard of any previous year.

In the early part of the year, there was in the house one case of scarlet fever, from which the patient recovered; and one of diphtheria, that of Walter Raley, of Beverly, N. J., which terminated fatally. He died Eleventh Month 3d, 1881, from this disease, which was contracted before he came to the School. He was a youth of good promise, of upright conduct, and exemplary in the discharge of his duties and obligations as a member of the School. His mother was with him during his sickness. Since which, the health of the inmates has been, with very few slight exceptions, remarkably good.

The number of scholars in attendance has been greater than during the previous year, viz.: for the Autumn Term, 96 boys and 81 girls; and for the Spring Term, 106 boys and 77 girls.

Since our appointment, we have to report the death of one of our members, Timothy K. Earle, who deceased Tenth Month 1st, 1881. Although not many years a member of the Committee, and during most of the time in feeble health, whenever with us he took an active interest in matters pertaining to the School, and manifested that interest by efforts to promote its usefulness and efficiency. His memory is precious to us.

At a meeting of the Committee, held Ninth Month 13th, 1881, "from information received from the Principal in his communication to us at that time, he was called in, when he informed us that Ella J. Wheeler, a friend of the Institution, had offered to donate to the Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000 in trust, the income to be applied to the payment of board and tuition of pupils in the School, under certain conditions as described or set forth by him. The subject received the thoughtful attention of the Committee, and resulted in the appointment of a Sub-Committee to take the subject into their careful consideration, ascertain whether or not the acceptance of the trust will conflict with the tenure of the property and funds now held by the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the School, and report their judgment thereon at an adjournment of the Meeting, to be held on the 27th inst."

"At the adjourned Meeting held Ninth Month 27th, the Sub-Committee appointed at our last Meeting, relative to the proposition made to our Principal by Ella J. Wheeler, of Boston, to convey by deed of trust to our Yearly Meeting the sum of $30,000, the income to be used for the education of children at this Institution as set forth therein, have given attention to the subject, and report —

"That upon careful examination of the early records of the Yearly Meeting, the proceedings of the School Committee in the organization of the School, and also the several deeds of trust and endowment in its behalf, we find nothing in conflict with the purpose of the trust now under consideration, or which could be endangered by its acceptance, subject to the approval of our next Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY T. WOOD.

PROVIDENCE, Ninth Month 27th, 1881."

The Committee, after mature deliberation, accepted the trust, subject to the approval of the Yearly Meeting, and authorized the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to receive the money, receipt for the same, and with the assistance of Thomas Harkness, Treasurer of the School Fund, to invest it, subject as before to the approval of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed "to present to the Representative Meeting, at its next session, the articles of agreement as proposed between the donor and the Yearly Meeting; also, a copy of our Minute accepting the trust, and ask of that Meeting the privilege of using such income as may accrue upon the fund prior to our next Yearly Meeting, for the purposes set forth in said articles of agreement," — which was done, and the privilege asked for was granted by that Meeting.

At our Meeting, Eleventh Month 1st, 1881, the attention of the Committee having been called to the propriety of investing some portion of our funds in building houses for rent on some portions of our unoccupied land, the subject was referred to a Committee to report their judgment thereon to a future Meeting.

At the Meeting, Fourth Month 4th, the Committee made the following report, viz.: —

"TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

The Sub-Committee to whom was referred the proposal to build some houses for rent, upon the school lands, for the purpose of increasing the income of the School, have carefully considered the subject, and are united in the opinion that the time has nearly come when that experiment should be tried.

But, as there exist in the minds of a few of the Committee at large, some doubts as to the authority of the School Committee to change any of the invested funds belonging to the School, without the express direction of the Yearly Meeting, we do not feel that any practical result can be reached till that question is settled.

We would therefore suggest that this matter of changing investments by the School Committee should be submitted to the Yearly Meeting in our next Annual Report, for final decision, so that the Committee may hereafter know precisely what their authority and duties in that respect are.

We are of opinion that the School Committee should be charged, if they are not so already, with the full powers of Trustees, in regard to every invested fund belonging to the School; for a crisis may occur in almost any investment when instant action may be needed to prevent loss.

No trust of this kind can be safely and wisely administered unless those in immediate charge have full power to act promptly and finally.

C. F. COFFIN,
J. H. CHACE, } *Committee.*
J. O. INMAN,

PROVIDENCE, Fourth Month 4th, 1882.

The following list comprises the names of the Officers of Government and Instruction for the year ending Sixth Month 27th:—

Augustine Jones, A.M., Principal, and Political Science.
Walter S. Meader, A.B., Governor, and English Studies.
Susan S. Moore, Governess, and English Studies.
Thomas J Battey, A.B., Natural Science.
J. Myron Potter, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
Seth K. Gifford, A.M., Greek and Latin.
Henry Wood, Ph.D., English Literature and German (Autumn Term).
John H. Gifford, A.B., Assistant Governor.
Benjamin W. Wells, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
Jean E. Guilbert, French.
Albert A. Stanley, Instrumental Music.
Bessie T. Wing, French, History and Literature.
Mary Amy Collins, English Studies.
Mary E. Holder, Reading and Elocution.
Sophia L. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Lizzie C. Perry, Secretary and Book-keeper.
Alice M. Jones, Librarian.

The income and payments on the Yearly Meeting School Fund, by the Treasurer's account, have been —

GENERAL FUND.

Income for the year	$6,186 24	
Income from funds in the hands of Yearly Meeting Treasurer	45 00	
Received for return insurance premium	207 50	$6,438 74

PAYMENTS.

Paid insurance premium	$533 50	
Paid Augustine Jones, Principal	5,905 24	
		$6,438 74

CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance on hand last year	$1,001 56	
Income on Fund	2,313 48	
		$3,315 04

PAYMENTS.

Paid school bills	$2,375 00	
Balance to new account	940 04	
		$3,315 04

From the account of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, we learn that he has received, including

Balance on hand last year	$37 35	
From dividend on bonds	45 00	
From sale of four bonds, by order of Committee	4,600 00	
		$4,682 35

And that he has paid

Thos. Harkness, Treasurer of School Fund	$45 00	
Augustine Jones, on his draft	4,246 41	
For printing and record book	2 85	
Balance to new account	388 09	
		$4,682 35

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$38,972 91	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	5,905 24	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Elizabeth Fry Fund"	582 50	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from "Philip J. Tripp Fund"	100 40	
		$45,561 05

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,142 79	
Provisions	14,105 64	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,122 32	
Repairs and replacements, including renewal of plumbing and laying of water pipe extension	5,504 42	
Fuel	1,771 25	
Light	957 95	
Water	454 48	
Library and periodicals	309 21	
City tax on school property for 1881	2,848 40	
City of Providence betterment assessment, Brook St.	754 50	
Incidentals, including medicines and postage	337 70	
Remaining to credit of account	252 39	
		$45,561 05

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain the same as last year, viz : —

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars, each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

With feelings of gratitude and thankfulness to our Father in Heaven, for the many mercies and favors vouchsafed during the year, we conclnde, commending the Institution, with its varied interests, to His continued regard and protection, to the fostering care of the Yearly Meeting, and to the patronage of parents, and others having children under their charge, for whom they desire a guarded education.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jr., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Fifth Month, 30th, 1882.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 6th, 1882, and closes Third Month 21st, 1883. The Spring Term begins Third Month 28th, 1883, and closes Sixth Month 26th, 1883.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 1st of Eighth Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, Augustine Jones, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R.I.

1882. with the Clerk of the Mens Meeting, in furnishing her with a returning minute conformable to the above.

Our dear friend Zaccheus Goddard a minister from Vassalboro Monthly Meeting Maine is also in attendance of this Meeting His company and religious services have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in furnishing him with a suitable returning Minute.

We are informed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting that they are united in discontinuing for the present the Meeting held at Newtown, with which we concur.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting informs that they are united in forwarding for our consideration the names of the following Friends as additional members of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, viz. David S. Wood, John F. Tucker, John B. Baylies, Jonathan Cowen, Sarah L. Cartland, Phebe B. Slocum, Susan M. Seabury, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Susan S. Tripp, Mary C. Baylies, and Esther D. Macomber. We unite in their appointment as members of that body, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

We unite with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary Jane Gifford to the station of elder, Men Friends concurring therein.

We also unite with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George Howland Jr. to the same Station, Men Friends uniting therewith.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second, and Tenth, from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 12 mo. next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 7. 1882. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting viz. from Sandwich, — Mary H. Hoxie, Mary Abby Swift, and Ruth K. Baker, from Dartmouth, Huldah Gifford, Jane C. Fisher, Susan B. Kirby, and Eunice Gidley, from Westport, Mary A. Gifford and Esther A. Macomber,

1882. from New Bedford, — Rebecca T. Howland, Harriet T. Davis, Abby T. Keller, Ruth T. Smith, and Ruth Almy.

Our dear friend Charlotte L. Vines, a minister, attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate of unity from Providence Monthly Meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting in furnishing her with a suitable returning Minute.

Our beloved friend Caroline E. Talbott, who attended our last Quarterly Meeting at Sandwich, and whose certificate was read and minuted at that time, is again acceptably with us in pursuance of the work, to which she believes herself called by her Divine Master.

We are informed by Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, that they have united ~~with~~ in the appointment of Otis Slocum, Elizabeth T. K. Smith, Hannah A. Brightman, and Susan B. Kirby, as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, — and by Westport Monthly Meeting, that they have also united in the appointment of Gideon Gifford, Elbridge G. Chace, Hannah K. Gifford and Elizabeth A. Taylor, to the same station. We unite in their appointment as members of that body, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

The following information from the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been read, viz. "That the sessions of that Meeting hereafter, will commence at 2 o'clock P. M. instead of 3. P. M. as heretofore held.

The Queries with Answers to the First, Second and Tenth, from each of our Monthly Meetings have been read.

An earnest exercise has been expressed in this Meeting, that our adult members might be more engaged, not only to read, but to study and search the Holy Scriptures together in Bible Schools; Testimonies have been given to the blessed results which have followed such a course. Our members are encouraged to cooperate with the committee who have been appointed by the Quarterly Conference in aid of this good work.

The business of the Meeting being finished, under a thankful sense of the blessings conferred upon us this day by our loving Lord, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 4th mo. next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Ward Clerk.

1883. At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at New Bedford, 4 mo. 5th. 1883. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, – Lydia B. Dillingham, Lucy S. Hoxie, Catherine Kelley and Rebecca D. Ewer; from Dartmouth, – Eunice Gidley, Olive D. Howland & Susan B. Kirby, from Westport, – Esther M. Davis, and Elizabeth A. Taylor, from New Bedford, – Rebecca S. Howland, Phebe S. Delano, Sarah E. Cartland, Adelaide V. Wilbur, and Ruth L. Smith, – who are in attendance of this Meeting except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons are assigned.

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this Meeting were appointed, Lydia B. Dillingham on behalf of the representatives informed, that they were united in proposing the name of Anna G. Wood for Clerk, and Mary C. Baylies for assistant Clerk, which being acceptable to the Meeting, they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year, or until another appointment.

Our dear friend Louisa M. Fulghum attended this Meeting presenting a certificate from Le Grand Monthly Meeting, Iowa, certifying that she is a minister in unity, and that she is visiting socially and religiously within the limits of our Yearly Meeting. Her company and Gospel service has been acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Rufus P. King from Springfield Monthly Meeting and Deep River Quarterly Meeting North Carolina; Micajah M. Binford, from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, and Walnut Ridge Quarterly Meeting Indiana, and Edward S. Hacker from South Durham Monthly Meeting Maine, have also attended this Meeting, presenting certificates from their respective Meetings, expressive of unity with them as ministers, and with their present religious engagements. Their company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to sign returning Minutes on their behalf, expressive of the sense of this Meeting.

The Queries with Answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings, have been read, together with a summary prepared from the answers, which being approved, we forward to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our friends, Rachel S. Howland, Hannah S. King, Ruth S. Murray, Susan S. Wright, Lydia N. Bowerman, Mary E. Gifford, Sylvia S. Howland, Lydia B. Dillingham, and Hannah A. Brightman, whom we have appointed our representatives.

this Meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Hannah S. King, having the concurrence of Men Friends herein.

The business of the Meeting being finished, under a grateful sense of the refreshing Gospel showers which have fallen upon us this day, we conclude, proposing to meet again in 7th mo. next at Falmouth, if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

Summary of the Answers to the Queries to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting.

Answer 1st. All our Meetings for religious worship & discipline have been regularly held except at Nantucket; and a few omissions reported in two other Meetings during inclement weather. Considerable deficiency is apparent as respects the regular attendance of these Meetings, although an encouraging improvement is reported in the mid-week Meeting held in New Bedford.

Ans. 2nd. Love and unity are maintained by nearly all our members, but detraction is not sufficiently guarded against. Deficiencies are reported from one Meeting in regard to differences where much labor has been bestowed, although acknowledgment is made, that more timely care would have been desirable.

Ans. 3d. There are many amongst us who are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and those who have children under their care, do ~~generally~~ endeavor by example and precept to train them up in accordance with our Christian profession, but a more general care in these respects is to be desired.

Ans. 4th. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in the families of Friends, individually as well as collectively, and their children encouraged in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel ministry has been maintained with little exception.

Ans. 5th. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. They are mostly careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe true moderation in all things.

Ans. 6th. The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved. Care is taken for the education of their children.

and the Clerk is requested to inform that Meeting of our action in the case, by furnishing it with a copy of this Minute.

18. The following proposition was received from Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, viz.: —"Believing that the first clause of the Fifth Query to be too lenient, this and the Women's Meeting are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to change said clause." We appoint Ezra Hawkes, James R. Collins, George A. Farr, Henry C. Aydelott, Peter M. Neal and Owen Dame, on the part of this Meeting, a Committee to whom this subject is referred.

19. The following proposition was received from Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting: — "This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the propriety of curtailing some of its annual expenses;" which we conclude to refer to the representatives now in attendance of this Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH-DAY MORNING, THE 9TH.

The Meeting again assembled.

20. The Committee entrusted with the care of the Boarding School at Providence have presented the Sixty-fourth Annual Report, viz.:—

REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee having in charge the Boarding School, established and fostered by the Yearly Meeting, in presenting the Sixty-fourth Annual Report of its operations, have the renewed satisfaction of informing the Meeting that it is very quietly, but nevertheless efficiently, continuing its good work in training and educating the young for positions of usefulness in the world, and, as we believe, in the Church of Christ. It has been for the past year, as for the previous three years, under the immediate charge of Augustine Jones, A. M., as Principal, aided by an efficient corps of faithful Assistants, laboring together harmoniously for the best and greatest good of those under their care.

The average number of pupils the past year has been 99 boys and 88 girls.

Within the year, the School has been made the recipient of a splendidly illustrated work on Fishes, presented by Daniel G. Littlefield, of Pawtucket; and of a donation by our friend Hannah J. Bailey, a member of the Committee, of $1,151.60, for the purpose of beautifying the walls of the halls and school-rooms with busts and engravings; these have greatly improved the appearance of the rooms by the introduction of agreeable and pleasant pictures for the gratification of the eye, and the cultivation and elevation of the mind.

We have been gratified by the reception of a donation of $500 from our friend James H. Chace, another member of the Committee, to be expended for the purchase of desirable pictures or works of art for the School.

A donation has also been received from Rowland G. Hazard of $100, with directions that it may be used in the purchase of books for the Library.

A much needed improvement is now being made in the Laundry by the introduction of a new boiler and apparatus, with the most improved machinery, at a cost of about $1,500. A donation by a private individual of $1,100 in aid of this valuable addition has been received. The work will be completed and ready for use before the close of the present term.

These generous gifts have been gratefully accepted by the Committee, and we believe they will be warmly appreciated by the Yearly Meeting; not only on account of the material benefit conferred, but as loving tokens of kindly interest in the welfare of the Institution.

A donation to the School from our friend Thomas Harkness of an ancient copy of a Concordance to the Holy Scriptures (printed in 1638) is accepted as a valuable addition to the Library; and the Clerk was directed to convey to him our warm appreciation of the gift and of the kind remembrance of the donor.

Since our last report the exterior walls and wood work of the older portion of the house have been thoroughly painted, its condition as well as its appearance being very much improved thereby.

During the greater part of the past year, while much sickness has prevailed in our neighborhood, from which in the Autumn the School was not exempt, through the Winter and Spring, the health of the household has been unusually good.

We regret, however, to have to report a very sad accident, which occurred a few days after the opening of the School in the Ninth Month:—One of the pupils, Robert H. Chase, nearly 16 years of age, a son of John F. Chase, of Deering, N.H., while bathing, in attempting to swim across a sheet of shallow water, suddenly sank, and, although his schoolmates made very strenuous efforts to save him, they were unsuccessful, and he was drowned.

The Principal in reporting the case to the Committee says, "He was possessed of unusual mental powers, and had already attracted the special notice of the teachers. But, to crown all, he was an earnest Christian boy. How we needed him here, what a field of service was before him! but young and full of promise as he was, we believe he was prepared for the change of worlds which came so suddenly to him."

We have also to report the death of one of our own number, Abby S. Battey, who died Eleventh Month 21st, 1882. She had been many years a member of the Committee, was very constant in attendance upon our meetings, taking a deep interest in all matters appertaining to the School, and endeavoring in every way to promote its greatest usefulness. Her memory will long be held in grateful remembrance.

Agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting last year, your Treasurer has ratified and confirmed the deed of trust (of the Elizabeth Fry Fund) interchangeably with the donor, signed the same on behalf of the Yearly Meeting, and affixed the corporate seal of the Yearly Meeting thereto. The fund has been satisfactorily invested, and will yield an annual income of 5% upon the principal. This at the present price of tuition will pay for five scholars for a year.

The Officers of Government and Instruction for the past year have been:—

AUGUSTINE JONES, A.M., Principal and Political Science.
WALTER S. MEADER, A.B., Governor and English Studies.
SUSAN S. MOORE, Governess and English Studies.
BESSIE T. WING, French, History and Literature.
THOMAS J. BATTEY, A.B., Natural Science.
MARY AMY COLLINS, English Studies.
J. MYRON POTTER, A.M., Higher Mathematics.
BENJAMIN W. WELLS, Ph.D., English Literature and German.
WILLIAM C. LADD, A.B., Greek and Latin.
SARAH A. PEARCE, Reading and Elocution.
WILMOT R. JONES, A.B., Assistant Governor.
SOPHIA L. PITMAN, Drawing and Painting.
MARY E. RAWSON, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
ALBERT A. STANLEY, Instrumental Music.
JEAN E. GUILBERT, French.
MARY P. HOLME, Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
LIZZIE C. PERRY, Secretary and Book-keeper.
ALICE M. JONES, Librarian.

The accounts of the Principal present the following items of receipt and expenditure:—

RECEIPTS.

Income from board and tuition	$41,897 87	
Rec'd from Thos. Harkness, Treas. of School Fund	5,860 83	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Elizabeth Fry Fund	600 00	
Received from Geo. Howland, Jr., Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, from Philip J. Tripp Fund	85 90	
		$48,444 60

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers and officers	$12,289 00
Provisions	15,575 96
Amount carried forward,	$27,864 96

Amount brought forward,	$27,864 96	
Wages for labor and servants' hire	6,920 52	
Repairs and replacements	4,945 06	
Fuel	1,645 98	
Light	1,019 90	
Water	530 64	
City tax on School Property for 1882	2,981 20	
Library and periodicals	356 16	
Incidentals, including printing, advert'ng and postage	725 87	
Uncollected bills for tuition in previous years	753 99	
Remaining to credit of account	700 32	
		$48,444 60

The income from the Charitable Fund, including the Philip J. Tripp Fund has been $2,399.38.

This has enabled 19 pupils to enjoy the benefits of the School during the year, and one for one term.

The account annually presented by the Committee of the financial operations and condition of the Institution has heretofore been little more than an estimate, and, while the School is still in session and until the close of the school year, no more definite account can be made. It is proposed in future to present the accounts as made up after the close of the School, near the 1st of Seventh Month each year.

The Committee propose that the rates for admission to the School remain as last year, viz. :—

For members of our Yearly Meeting	$125 00
For members of other Yearly Meetings, or when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting	225 00
For all others who may be admitted	300 00

One-half payable at the commencement of the year, and one-half at the opening after recess.

An additional charge of ten dollars each, to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, German, or Drawing.

Again we commend the Institution and all connected with it, to the superintending care and providence of our Father in Heaven, with thankfulness and gratitude for past favors, and to the kind consideration of the Yearly Meeting, believing that there yet lies before it a very large field for usefulness.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee.

GEO. HOWLAND, Jun., *Clerk.*

Boarding School, Providence, Sixth Month 5th, 1883.

NOTE. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 5th, 1883, and closes Second Month 6th, 1884. The Spring Term begins Second Month 7th, 1884, and closes Sixth Month 24th, 1884.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, on the 31st of Seventh Month next.

Those who are members of our Yearly Meeting will have preference of all others to that date; after which, applications will be acted upon in the order in which they are received. Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should apply at the time above specified.

All applications should be sent to the Principal. Address, AUGUSTINE JONES, Friends' Boarding School, Providence, R. I.

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and is adopted. The labors of the Committee, and the evident efficiency of the Board of Management is encouraging to the Meeting. We are rejoiced to learn that the religious welfare of the inmates of that Institution has a deep and abiding hold upon the hearts of the officers and Committee, and that they are ready and anxious to embrace every right opening for its advancement. We refer the continued care of the Institution to the Committee now under appointment, with the exception of our late friend Abby S. Battey, deceased, and David S. Wood, who has removed beyond the limits of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee are directed to meet at the Boarding School, at Providence, on Third-day, the 26th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Charles F. Coffin,
George Howland, Jr.
Levi Jones,
William C. Taber,
Timothy B. Hussey,
Samuel R. Buffinton,
Henry T. Wood,
Richard Battey,
William C. Monroe,
James H. Chace,
James O. Inman,
John F. Tucker,
Peter M. Neal,
Benjamin F. Knowles,
William T. Collins,
Charles B. Cates,
Augustus F. Cox,

Ellen K. Buffum,
Sylvia G. Howland,
Ann B. Earle,
Hannah J. Bailey,
Rachel S. Howland,
Hannah B. Sawyer,
Rebecca Steere,
Mary E. Jenkins,
Anna G. Wood,
Deborah W. Crosman,
Elizabeth H. Austin,
Sarah F. Tobey,
Esther Jones,
Caroline C. Earle,
Rebecca H. Smiley,
Lydia C. Neal,
Ruth S. Murray.

21. Mary H. Rogers, a Minister from Kansas Yearly Meeting, is now in attendance of this Meeting, and has produced satisfactory credentials from her friends at home.

22. The Committee on Education have presented their Report, which has been read, and is satisfactory to this Meeting. The same Committee is continued for service another year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education report that they have held no conferences this year, but that a very interesting and instructive one was held at Providence, in the Sixth Month last, by the Eastern Department of the Educational Association of Friends in America.

The attendance by Friends in this Yearly Meeting was small. The subjects discussed were believed to be highly important to the Society of Friends and to the general cause of Education. Reports of the proceedings were published and circulated among our members. Persons are aroused in these gatherings to the vital necessity of more attention to education, and they in turn, at their homes, bear with warm hearts the message to the masses around them. Thus the influence forever extends. More zeal and a stronger recognition of the importance of the Meeting at Providence would have strengthened the hands and cheered the hearts of the friends of this cause.

The Educational Association of Friends in America has arranged for a National Educational Conference of the Society of Friends, at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, the last of this Month. Friends from remote parts of the Country will meet and interchange views and experiences, with a common interest and a common cause. Honest, free and liberal discussion will contribute to the strength and prosperity of the Society.

We have met with a very great, but we hope not irreparable, loss in the burning, without insurance, of the Seminary at Oak Grove. The remembrance of blessings and benefits conferred here, in the last third of a century, has filled many hearts with sorrow.

We will cherish the hope that some one will re-build on a more generous and broader foundation, that the good work begun may continue as heretofore, with increasing power, to mould the character of the citizens of a large district in Maine, making itself felt far and wide.

Schools and colleges and even the common schools owe their existence to Christianity. But this is due to the fact that Christians have seen and realized the importance of education in its relations to Christianity.

How important that this generation, this Society, shall comprehend and do its whole duty in this matter to-day.

The school at Providence has received a number of generous donations this year. These are gladly welcomed, and there is room in this way

Ans. 7th. Our testimonies in the several particulars of this Query are maintained.

Ans. 8th. We believe Friends are careful in the several requisitions of this Query.

Ans. 9th. Our records receive attention. Some removals without certificates which are under notice.

Ans. 10th. Care has been taken to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness and impartially, but perhaps not so timely as might have been desirable. We trust judgment has been placed in the authority of Truth and according to discipline.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 12. 1883. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich; — Eliza A. Gifford, Mary J. Gifford, and Elizabeth K. Haswell, from Dartmouth; — Sarah F. Potter, Hetty S. Potter, and Maria A. Jenks, from Westport. — Phebe Slade, and Elizabeth A. Taylor, from New Bedford; — Phebe B. Slocum, Azubah Cannon, Mary C. Baylies and Susan S. Tripp, — who are present except two.

The representatives appointed to attend our late Yearly Meeting, were all in attendance except two.

The Clerk of this Meeting being absent, we unite in appointing Mary C. Baylies as Clerk, and Rebecca L. Ewer as assistant Clerk for the day.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

Our dear friend S. Adelbert Wood, a minister, attended this Meeting, presenting a certificate of unity, from Hanover Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Michigan. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in furnishing him with a returning minute conformable to the above.

The company of our dear friend Huldah M. Boede from Providence Monthly Meeting who is present with us to day, without a certificate, is very acceptable to us, as also her words of advice and encouragement.

Our dear friend William P. Macomber laid a concern before this Meeting, to visit in the love of the Gospel, the Quarterly Meeting of Ferrisburg New York, and to perform some service within its limits, as expressed in a certificate granted him by New Bedford Monthly Meeting. We are united in liberating him for this service, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Men's Meeting, in signing an endorsement on his certificate.

We are informed by a minute received from our late Yearly Meeting, that the proposition from this Meeting that the time of holding the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, should be changed from 3 to 2 o'clock P. M. the day before the Quarterly Meeting, was approved by that Meeting, and the change is accordingly made.

This Meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joseph Ewer, Rebecca D. Ewer, and Huldah Gifford to the station of elder in concurrence with the Men's Meeting.

The business of the Meeting being finished we conclude, proposing to meet again if permitted, in 10 mo. next at Sandwich.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Sandwich 10 mo. 11. 1883. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, — Lydia B. Dillingham, Catharine Kelley, and Lucy S. Hoxie, from Dartmouth, — Angeline Ricketson, Mary Hettie Howland, Olive D. Howland, from Westport. — Mary E. Gifford, Mary S. Macomber, from New Bedford, — Hettie E. Howland, Rebecca S. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Sylvia D. Weeks, Sarah E. Cartland, and Elizabeth G. Wilbur, who are all present.

Our beloved friend Charles H. Jones, a member of the Yearly Meetings Committee on Gospel work, attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. The Queries, with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The business of the Meeting being finished, we conclude, acknowledging, that although it has been a time of deep searching of heart, we trust that many souls have been refreshed, and comforted, by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

We propose to meet again in Twelfth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Anna G. Wood Clerk.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12 mo. 6. 1883. By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting, viz. from Sandwich, — Rebecca D. Ewer, Lucy S. Keller and Charity G. Chase, from Dartmouth, — Abbie H. Cornell, Hattie S. Potter, and Susan B. Kirby, from Westport, — Lydia Gifford, and Sarah G. Bartlett, from New Bedford, — Esther D. Macomber, Rebecca S. Howland, Ann R. Anthony, Rhoda Ann Tripp, and Mary S. Wood, who are all present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned.

The Clerk of this Meeting wishing to be excused from service to day, we appoint Susan S. Tripp to take her place at the table.

The Queries with answers to the First, Second and Tenth from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

The business of the Meeting having been accomplished in much harmony and love, and under a solemn sense of the loss which we have sustained in the late afflictive event of the decease of our friend Henry T. Wood, we conclude, proposing to meet again in Fourth month next at New Bedford if the Lord permit.

Susan S. Tripp Clerk for the day.

Copy of a communication sent to the family of Henry T. Wood.

At our last Quarterly Meeting the Clerks were directed to convey to you, the deep feeling of love and sympathy which pervaded this Meeting, and which found expression in many ways, in considering the loss which the Church and you have sustained in the unexpected departure of our beloved brother. We mourn our bereavement, but we mourn not as those without hope, and are consoled by the conviction that his work was finished and well done, and that he has passed on from works to rewards, and from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, into which so many loved ones are already gathered to be "forever with the Lord".

Signed by direction of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends held 12 mo. 6. 1883.

Matthew Howland Clerk. Susan S. Tripp Clerk for the day.

1884 At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 4 mo. 13. 1884

By accounts received received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends are appointed representatives to this meeting viz: from Sandwich Lydia H. Gifford Catharine Keller and Rebecca D. Ewer:- from Falmouth Jane G. Fisher, Susan B. Kirby [illegible] C. Winslow & Hannah W. [illegible]:- from Westport Lizzie A. Gifford and Sarah G. Bartlett:- from New Bedford Rebecca F. Howland, Kittie C. Howland, Adelaide F. Wilbur, Mary Hazard and Annie B. Anthony; who are present except one.

The time for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired Jane G. Fisher on behalf of the committee informed that they were united in proposing the names of Rebecca D. Ewer for clerk and Adelaide F. Wilbur for assistant clerk which being separately considered they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

This meeting unites with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in recording the name of [illegible] as a member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight: men Friends concurring herein. The queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings together with a summary prepared from the answers have been read and approved: which summary we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Anne R. Anthony Rachel S. Howland Susan S. Tripp Susan F. Thompson Huldah Gifford, Lydia B. Dillingham Silvia G. Howland Hannah W. Wing, Mary C. Gifford Ruth D. Smith Rebecca N. Smith Jane G. Fisher and Ruth S. Murray whom we appoint our representatives.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we now conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in [illegible] month next at Falmouth.

Rebecca D. Ewer Clerk.

Summary of Answers to the Queries to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

Ans 1. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been held except two which were omitted on account of a storm and also the meetings at Nantucket where none have recently been held. Most Friends attend them duly on first day but midweek meetings and those for discipline are more neglected. The hour is well observed. No unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans 2. Love and unity are maintained with little exception and detraction generally guarded against. Prayerful efforts are made to end differences that exist.

Ans 3. Many Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and these endeavor to bring up their children and others under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

Ans 4. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families individually and collectively;— their children and others under their care encouraged thereto and that our testimony to a free Gospel ministry is maintained

Ans 5. Free from intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Not sufficiently careful in regard to amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character. A due degree of moderation is observed by most Friends.

Ans 6 The circumstances of the poor are attended to. Care is taken to educate their children.

Ans 7. Clear in the several parts of this query

Ans 8. We believe friends are careful in these respects.

Ans 9. Our records are attended to. Some remain without certificates

Ans 10. Friends have prayerfully sought to administer the discipline according to the requirements of this query.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Womens Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo. 10th 1884.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz. from Sandwich Catharine Kelley, Eliza C. [illegible] and Mary Jane Gifford; — from Dartmouth Emily [illegible] Susan [illegible] [illegible] E. [illegible] and [illegible] P. [illegible] from [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] from New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Adelaide V. Wilbur who are all present.

We have in attendance at this time beloved friends in the ministry as follows viz. Francis Lupton who [illegible] a [illegible] certificate from [illegible] Monthly Meeting held at [illegible] Ohio endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting. Thomas [illegible] and wife [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Monthly Meeting who informed us that they had [illegible] minutes granted them by their own meetings which [illegible] not [illegible] them at the time of their leaving home and Henry C. and wife [illegible] [illegible] members of New England Yearly Meeting Committee on General Meetings and Evangelistic Work. Their company and useful labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign a suitable endorsement to the certificate of our friend Francis Lupton in unity with the clerk of the mens meeting on our behalf.

The friends who were appointed representatives to the Yearly Meeting were in attendance except one who was detained at home by sickness.

The queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from our several Monthly Meetings have been read.

We are informed that the subject of Foreign Mission Work received much attention at our last Yearly Meeting and a Womens Foreign Mission Society was organized with a Vice President in each Quarterly Meeting, Hannah S. [illegible] of Sandwich being appointed for this quarter.

It is recommended that auxilliary Societies be organized as way may open for them in our Subordinate meetings and the clerk is directed to furnish each of our Monthly Meetings with a copy of this minute.

The business that has come before us being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in the 10th month at Sandwich

Rebecca B. Ewer. Clerk:

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Sandwich 10 month 2nd 1884.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. From Sandwich Elizabeth C. King, [illegible] [illegible] Ewer and Amelia B. Russell. From Dartmouth Hannah A. Brightman Susan B. Kirby and Mary H. Howland. From Westport Hannah [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] A. [illegible]. From New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] Green. [illegible] [illegible] C. [illegible] Sarah K. King and Elizabeth [illegible] who are all present.

We had in attendance at this time beloved Friends in the ministry [illegible] [illegible] Howland from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Judith Chace from Swansea Monthly Meeting and Micajah M. Binford from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting all of whom have presented certificates from their several Monthly Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagement. Their company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing suitable indorsements to their certificates on our behalf.

The queries with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each Monthly Meeting have been read.

New Bedford Monthly Meeting informs that Sarah A. Holmes having notified them of her intention to appeal to the Quarterly Meeting on account of her disownment from membership with them, they have appointed the following named Friends to represent them in the hearing before this meeting Rhoda B. Gifford, Ruth [illegible] Hussey, Susan M. Seabury Ruth B. Smith Phebe [illegible] [illegible] and Mary A. Smith

Sarah A. Holmes informs that sickness in her family prevents her being present with us at this time.

The following revised list of names as members of the Meeting on Ministry and oversight has been received from New Bedford Monthly Meeting for our approval. John T. Tucker. John W. Bailey. Edward T. Tucker Thomas Hafford Sarah R. Cartland Phebe B. Simmons Susan W. C. Seabury Adelaide F. Wilbur Susan S. Smith Mary C. Bailey Esther D. Macomber Mary Hafford and Phebe A. Delano. We unite with their appointment as members of that body, men friends concurring herein.

New friends have presented for our approval testimonials of our late friends Matthew Howland and Huldah Gifford which are satisfactory to us and we appoint Ruth S. Murray and Annie R. Boyce in company with a similar committee from the mens meeting to visit the bereaved families and present a copy of the same on our behalf.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we now conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in the 12 mo at New Bedford.

Rebecca D. Ewer Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at New Bedford 12mo. 4. 1884.

Accounts are received from the several Monthly Meetings and the representatives therein named are from Sandwich Mary H. Cross Lucy T. Fuller and Eliza A. Gifford. From Dartmouth Angeline W. Pickleton Chloe P. Howland and Hannah A. Wrightman, from Westport Elizabeth A. Taylor and Elizabeth A. Macomber from New Bedford Lydia A. Howland Sarah G. Tobey, Mary Hafford Rhoda Ann Gifford Rebecca A. Howland and Esther D. Macomber who are present except one.

Sarah A. Holmes having informed this meeting of her intention to present her appeal at this time, we appoint the following named friends a committee to hear the parties concerned in the appeal, judge thereof and report their decision. Huldah Gifford, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Elizabeth C. King Mary C. Gifford, Mary Abbie Swift Lydia B. Gillingham and Phebe Slade

Our beloved friend William O. Newhall is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and services of Love have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing a suitable indorsement to his certificate

Our beloved friend William P. Macomber returns at this time a certificate granted him in 7 month 1883 with a satisfactory returning minute from Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting. Vermont

We unite with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Hannah A. Brightman and Susan B. Kirby as members of the meeting on ministry and oversight: mens friends concurring therein.

Our dear friend Hannah S. King laid before this meeting a prospect of visiting in the love of the Gospel some of the meetings within the limits of North Carolina Yearly Meeting and attending to other service as expressed in a certificate granted her by Sandwich Monthly Meeting. We are united in liberating her for that service having the concurrence of mens friends therein and the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the mens meeting in signing an indorsement to her certificate conformable with the above minute

The Quarterly Meetings committee on the case of the appeal of Sarah R. Holmes inform that they are not ready to report at this time. The same committee is therefore continued and requested to attend then report to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We now conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in 7th month next at New Bedford.

Rebecca D. Ewer Clerk

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Wom[illegible]
[illegible]

By reports received from our several Monthly Meetings it appears that the friends [illegible] [illegible] been appointed representatives to this meeting viz from Sandwich Olive G. B[illegible] Lydia F. Bodemands and Elizabeth C. Wing; from Dartmouth Olive D. [illegible] Alice C. Winslow and Sarah H. Potter, from Westport Lizzie A. [illegible] and Esther [illegible] Brewster - from New Bedford [illegible] [illegible] Gifford [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] absence a satisfactory reason was given.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed having expired Alice C. Winslow on behalf of the representatives informed that they united in proposing Rebecca P. Craw for clerk and Adelaide [illegible] Potter for assistant clerk which [illegible] [illegible] those services respectively for one year or until another appointment.

[illegible] unites in the appointment of Arnold [illegible] and [illegible] and Elizabeth Hammer to the station of Elders as proposed by New Bedford Monthly Meeting also in the appointment of Gideon Gifford [illegible] G. Chase Susan B. Chase Hannah [illegible] and Elizabeth R. [illegible] as members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The Quarterly Meeting Committee to whom was referred the case of the appeal of Sarah A. Holmes present the following report viz.

"Dear Friends. Having attended to our appointment on account of the appeal of Sarah A. Holmes are united in sustaining the judgment of New Bedford Monthly Meeting of Friends.
Kendall Gifford   Elizabeth C. Wing [illegible]
Mary Abbie Swift   Mary C. Gifford
New Bedford Mass 4 mo. 2nd 1885.

Which report is accepted by the meeting as our
[illegible]

[illegible] Meeting and [illegible] are [illegible] to [illegible] Sarah [illegible] [illegible] and if she still is aggrieved to the Yearly Meeting. Said committee also [illegible] Quarterly Meeting that they have attended [illegible] appointment. The clerk is directed to [illegible] Bedford Monthly Meeting with a copy of the above minute as relates to that meeting.

The queries with answers thereto from our several Monthly Meetings have been read and a summary of the answers approved which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Elizabeth [illegible] B. Pilkington [illegible] Hartland Hannah [illegible] Bristleman [illegible] Ruth [illegible] Rebecca [illegible] [illegible] Hartland Mary [illegible] Reed [illegible] and Mary S. [illegible] whom we appoint our representatives to attend and report.

We concur with the Men's meeting in granting a request of [illegible] Preparative Meeting to hold that Preparative Meeting as follows.

[illegible] [illegible] First [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]
" [illegible] Second [illegible] " [illegible] "
" [illegible] Third [illegible] " [illegible] "
" [illegible] [illegible] Eighth " [illegible] "

also with [illegible] Monthly Meeting to hold that Monthly Meeting at [illegible] and [illegible] at the clock A.M. instead of 10 A.M. as heretofore.

The Friends appointed to inform Sarah R. [illegible] of the decision of this meeting in regard to her appeal report that they have attended to their appointment.

We have received from Sarah R. Holmes a notice in writing that it is her intention to appeal to the Yearly Meeting from the judgment of this meeting. We accordingly appoint the following named Friends to represent the Quarterly [illegible] [illegible] Rebecca Hartland [illegible] B. Pilkington [illegible] Underhill Elizabeth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The business of the meeting having been accomplished we now conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in 7 mo next at [illegible].

Rebecca P. Carr Clerk.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of [illegible] Friends held at Falmouth 7 mo 17. 1883.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the representatives at this time are from Sandwich Lucy F. Kelly Elizabeth C. Wing and Dorcas W. Armstrong: from Dartmouth Sarah F. Potter Sarah R. Davis and Hannah A. Brightman: from New Bedford Azubah Cannon Phebe T. Hendas [illegible] Sarah R. Wing and Phebe A. Delano: from Westport Lizzie A. Gifford and Hannah R. Gifford [illegible] who are present [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] C. Davis is appointed to serve for the [illegible]

Our dear friend Eli Sharpless attended this meeting with a certificate from Stuart Monthly endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting Dallas Co. Iowa expressive of unity with him as a Minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and Gospel [illegible] have been acceptable to us.

We have also with us at this time our dear friend Elsie Mendenhall an Elder with a minute of approval from Minneapolis Monthly [illegible] of Friends held in joint Session at [illegible] 5 mo 12. 1883. Her company has been truly [illegible] and cheering to us.

The clerk is directed to unite with the [illegible] the Men's Meeting in signing [illegible] endorsements to their certificates.

The Friends appointed to attend our [illegible] Meeting as representatives were all in attendance except three, for the absence of whom satisfactory [illegible]

Our beloved friend Hannah S. Wing [illegible] at this time a certificate granted her [illegible] West with returning minutes from several of [illegible] meetings visited. Together with an interesting account of her travels and [illegible] labor in that part of our land.

[illegible] to the 1st 2nd and 3rd
[illegible] meetings [illegible]

[illegible] communication from our [illegible]
[illegible] of this meeting in the [illegible]
[illegible] which was sustained by [illegible]
meeting.

We have received from the yearly meeting a minute defining more clearly the discipline in reference to the membership of our meetings in [illegible] and Oversight, printed copies of which are to be inserted in our Book of Discipline; also a minute of advice which has been printed and placed in the hands of clerks of the Quarterly Meeting for distribution among the subordinate meetings. Both have been read at this time.

[illegible]

we now conclude proposing to meet again if permitted in [illegible] month next at Sandwich.

Rebecca D. Carver Clerk.

Summary of Answers to the Queries sent to the Yearly Meeting 1883.

Ans 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except one for worship and one for discipline which was omitted on account of a storm; and as the [illegible] time nearly, most Friends attend them and at the hour appointed on first day, [illegible] [illegible] reported by some. The unbecoming [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as [illegible].

[illegible] Friends are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] and

Qu 2. [illegible]
[illegible] friendly [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible] required [illegible]
[illegible] is creditable. [illegible]
[illegible] Gospel Ministry is
maintained.

Qu 5. Free from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Not so careful as we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] amusements. A due degree of [illegible]

Qu 6. Care has been taken in these respects.

Qu 7. Clear.

Qu 8. We trust Friends are careful in these respects.

Qu 9. Care as regards. [illegible] removals without certificates.

Qu 10. Friends have [illegible] to administer the discipline [illegible] the requirements of this query.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women [illegible] held at Sandwich [illegible] 11 1883.

By accounts received from our several Monthly we are informed that the representatives at this time are from Sandwich [illegible] Lydia H. Gifford, Lucy A. Howe and [illegible] from Dartmouth Clark D. Howland, Hettie [illegible] and Huldah Gifford; from Westport Mary C. Gifford and Sarah A. Bartlett; from [illegible] [illegible] Sarah G. Tabor. [illegible] D. Weeks and Emma G. Wood who [illegible] except [illegible]. For the [illegible] reasons have been [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] is appointed to serve [illegible]
[illegible] the queries with answers [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 31 [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]

By [illegible] received from our several [illegible] it appears that the following [illegible] have been attached [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

We are informed [illegible] that [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] attended [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

His company and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sandwich [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

in several [illegible]

[illegible]

appointed [illegible] delegates to the [illegible]

[illegible] Sandwich [illegible]

and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] informed [illegible]

[illegible] child in [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with Sandwich [illegible]

in the [illegible]

[illegible] the advantages [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] amusements and [illegible]

[illegible] concluded.

[illegible] Meeting of Women [illegible] held at [illegible] 1880.

The meeting [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Friends appointed to [illegible] the [illegible] Meeting as Representatives [illegible] [illegible] sickness in her family.

The Queries with answers [illegible] in Monthly Meetings, [illegible] considered [illegible] at this time stirring up the pure mind [illegible] remembrance (as we trust) and [illegible] more serious and thorough self exa[illegible] whether we as individuals are conforming [illegible] requirements. We unite with [illegible] the appointment of James D. [illegible] Calder.

Being directed by the [illegible] appoint a committee to assist the [illegible] of that meeting in carrying into effe[illegible] of said Committee is [illegible] [illegible] Susan B. [illegible] [illegible] to unite with [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] immediate [illegible] requiring the action of both meetings.

At a joint session authorized at this time our brother and sister in Christ William Thompson a Minister and his wife Susan T. Thompson an Elder presented minutes from New Bedford Monthly Meeting liberating them for service in Iowa, Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings, in their stations as Minister and Elder in the Church. Much sympathy and encouragement was offered them and the clerk directed to give an endorsement on their minutes.

We now conclude proposing to meet in our separate session in Sixth Month next at Sandwich if the Lord permit.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Women
held at Sandwich 10 Mo. 17. 1885.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings we are informed that the following named Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz. from Sandwich [illegible] Eliza Gifford and Catherine [illegible] from Dartmouth, Sarah F. [illegible] Hannah T. Russell and Hattie A. Potter from Westport Mary C. [illegible] Elizabeth A. Tripp and from New Bedford Mary [illegible] Adelaide [illegible] Mary C. [illegible] and Susan M. [illegible] who are all present.

[illegible]

this meeting presenting a minute from Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement. His company and labors have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the men [illegible]

[illegible] minute.

[illegible] queries [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] Monthly.

[illegible] This meeting is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible]

[illegible] in [illegible]
Rebecca D. [illegible]

[illegible] and Catharine [illegible]
and [illegible] Plain and [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] New Bedford [illegible] Howland [illegible]
Susan [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] has been given.
The assistant [illegible]
Mary [illegible] has been appointed
Our dear friend [illegible] a
minister attended this meeting presenting
a minute of unity from [illegible] Monthly Meeting
endorsed by [illegible] Quarterly Meeting
same place: also Charles W. Goddard
minute from Durham Monthly [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of Charles W. Goddard with

We unite with District Monthly [illegible]
[illegible] the following named [illegible]
the [illegible] as Ministers and Overseers [illegible]
[illegible] Cora [illegible]
and Emma [illegible] Chase and Ellen [illegible]
[illegible] in the appointment [illegible]
to the same by [illegible] Edmund
Tucker Thomas F. Hafford George B. [illegible] and William
Gardner Benjamin [illegible] John [illegible]
[illegible] L. Cartland [illegible] Susan [illegible]
[illegible] Adelaide T. Wilson [illegible] Carter
[illegible] Mary [illegible] Delano Charlotte
Gardner and Albertina Scott having the
sense of [illegible].

Our beloved friends William Thompson
Minister and his wife Susan F. Thompson are
[illegible] at this time the certificates granted

[illegible]

The business of the meeting being

[illegible] and praise [illegible]
for the abundant outpouring of His spirit [illegible]
[illegible]
and [illegible]

Rebecca [illegible] Clerk.